

TOWN OF NEW MARLBOROUGH



ANNUAL REPORT
FISCAL YEAR 2022

Municiple Profile

First Settled	1739
Area	28,046 acres
Incorporated	June 15, 1759
Elevation	1,200 feet
Road mileage89
Residents (2020)	1,307
Registered Voters (2020)	1,034

Federal and State Representatives

Senator in Congress:	Edward J. Markey
Senator in Congress:	Elizabeth A. Warren
Representative in Congress:	Richard E. Neal
Governor:	Charles Baker
Lieutenant Governor:	Karyn Polito
State Senator:	Paul Mark
Representative in General Court:	William “Smitty” Pignatelli

IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS *DIAL 911 FOR EMERGENCY:*

Police, emergency	911	Veterans’ Services	413-528-1580
Police, non-emergency ...	413-229-8161	Council on Aging	413-229-8407
Fire Dept., non-emergency	413-229-8165	Town Hall Phone	413-229-8116
Fire and Rescue	413-229-8100	Town Hall Fax	413-229-7041
Highway Dept	413-229-8165	Town Website: newmarlboroughma.gov	

Apple Blossoms
Cover photo by
Tara White

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TOWN OF
NEW MARLBOROUGH
MASSACHUSETTS



For the Fiscal Year July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022

~ IN MEMORIAM ~

*We were saddened by the recent passing of
Lawrence “Butch” Ray and we
dedicate this Annual Report to his memory:*



Lawrence “Butch” Ray

Alternate Wiring Inspector
(2018-2022)

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Town Office Hours / Regular Meetings

Board of Assessors (413-229-8926)

8:30 am -1:30 pm, M-Th

Accounting Officer (413-229-7784)

9:00 am-2:00 pm, Fri

Town Administrator (413-229-8116)

8:00 am-3:30 pm, M,W,Th,F

Town Clerk (413-229-8278)

7:30 am -3:30 pm, M-F

Treasurer / Tax Collector

(413-229-8963)

8:00 am-3:00 pm, M-F

Building Inspector (413-229-0277)

By Appointment Only

Board of Health (413-229-8469)

By Appointment Only

Southern Berkshire Regional

School District

(413-229-8734)

New Marlborough Town Library

(413-229-6668)

10 am- 5:30 pm M,W,Sa

1:30 pm – 5:30 pm Tu & Th

1:30 pm – 7:30 pm Fri

Transfer Station (413-229-2116)

9 am-1 pm, M & Wed

9 am-3 pm, Sat

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS: (other meetings may be called when necessary, and are posted at least 48 hours prior, unless for an emergency)

Board of Health

2nd Tuesday of each month, 6pm

Board of Assessors

1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month, 9am

Cable Advisory Committee

As posted

Capital Planning Committee

As posted

Cemetery Commission

As posted

Conservation Commission

3rd Thursday each month, 5pm

Council on Aging

As posted

Citizen Advisory Committee

As posted

Cultural Council

2nd Tuesday each month, 4:15 pm

Highway Planning Working Group

As posted

Zoning Board of Appeals

As posted

Transfer Station Working Group

As posted

Historical Commission

As posted

Housing Committee

As posted

Eight (8) Town School Consolidation Committee

As posted

Select Board

Every Monday, 6pm

Summer hours: June-August, every other Monday, 6pm

Umpachene Falls Park Commission

As posted

Finance Committee

As posted

Planning Board

2nd & 4th Wednesday of each month, 6pm

Summer Hours: May - August -

Second Wednesday of each month, 6pm

Southern Berkshire Regional School Committee

As posted

Zoning Board of Appeals

As posted

Elected Officers

OFFICE	OFFICER	TERM
Board of Assessors	Wendy Miller	Expires May, 2024
	Frederick Friedman	Expires May, 2023
	Marsha Pshenishny	Expires May, 2022
	Michael Britton	from May 2022 to May, 2025
Board of Health	Jordan Chretien	May, 2024
	Lawrence H Davis III	May, 2023
	John Bellinger	resigned 2021
	Peter Marks	from May 2022 to May, 2025
Board of Selectmen	Tara B. White	May, 2024
	Mark S Carson	May, 2023
	Richard E Long	May, 2022
	Daniel Alden	elected May 2022, resigned June 2022
Cemetery Commission	Robert Palmer	May, 2024
	Tara B. White	May, 2023
	Tammi Palmer	May, 2022; reelected to May 2025
Constable	William West	May, 2024
Finance Committee	Steven Klein	May, 2023
	Robert Miller	May, 2023
	Barbara Marchione	May, 2022; reelected to May, 2025
	John Pshenishy	May, 2022; reelected to May, 2025
	Michele Shalaby	May, 2022
	I Douglas Newman	May, 2024
	Elizabeth Reynolds	May, 2024
	Robin Tost	May, 2024
Library Trustees	Sally A Turner	May, 2023
	Carrie Ann Liba	May, 2022; reelected to May, 2025
	Barry Shapiro	May, 2022; reelected to May, 2023
Moderator	Robert Hartt	May, 2025
Planning Board	Paul Marcel	May, 2024
	Jonathan B. James	May, 2023
	Mark S Carson	May, 2022
	Jordan Archey	from May 2022 to May, 2027
	Thomas Sebestyen	May, 2026
	Jane Burke	November, 2022
School Committee	Carrieanne Petrik	Resigned January, 2022
Town Clerk	Katherine Chretien	May, 2023
Tree Warden	Matthew Wright	May, 2022; reelected to May, 2023

Appointed Officers

OFFICE	OFFICER	TERM
Town Administrator	Anne Marie Enoch	June 30, 2022
Administrative Secretary	Sharon Fleck	June 30, 2022 (resigned Jan)
Board of Registrars	Katherine Chretien	May 8, 2023
	Alicia Brazie	June 30, 2022
	Michelle Dawson-Harvey	June 30, 2022
	Sharon Fleck	June 30, 2022
Assistant Town Clerk	Sharon Fleck	June 30, 2022
Town Counsel	Jeremia Pollard	June 30, 2022
Board of Assessors' Clerk	Marsha Pshenishny	June 30, 2022
Accountant	Tara B White	June 30, 2022
Tax Collector	Gina Campbell	June 30, 2022 (resigned Nov)
	Jessica Horan	June 30, 2022
Treasurer	Jessica Horan	June 30, 2022
Assistant Tax Collector	Katherine Chretien	June 30, 2022
Assistant Treasurer	Katherine Chretien	June 30, 2022
Police Chief	Graham Frank	June 30, 2022
Full Time Police Officer	John Mullen	June 30, 2022
Part Time Police Officer	Gary Lemon	June 30, 2022
	Michael Ovitt	June 30, 2022
	Dominic Crupi	June 30, 2022
	Ian Curtiss	June 30, 2022
	Kadin G Shafiroff	June 30, 2022
Part Time Traffic Officer	Ed Deming	June 30, 2022
Fire Chief	Charles Loring	June 30, 2022
Deputy Fire Chief	David Smith	December 31, 2022
Assistant Fire Chief	Robert Dvorchik	December 31, 2022
Chief Medical Officer	Maureen Krecji	December 31, 2022
Emergency Management Director	Barbara Marchione	June 30, 2022
911 Coordinator	David Herrick	June 30, 2022
Highway Superintendent	Charles Loring	June 30, 2022
Building Commissioner	Matthew Kollmer	June 30, 2022
Alternate Building Inspector	Paul Greene	June 30, 2022
Gas Inspector	Robert Krupski	June 30, 2022
Assistant Gas Inspector	Donald Hopkins	June 30, 2022
Plumbing Inspector	Robert Krupski	June 30, 2022
Assistant Plumbing Inspector	Donald Hopkins	June 30, 2022
Wiring Inspector	Michael Leining	June 30, 2022
Alternate Wiring Inspector	Lawrence "Butch" Ray	June 30, 2022
Alternate Wiring Inspector	Jim Kern	June 30, 2022

Animal Control Officer	Cassie Keeley	June 30, 2022
Animal Inspector	Prudence Spaulding	June 30, 2022
Field Driver/Fence Viewer	Prudence Spaulding	June 30, 2022
Veteran's Agent	Laurie Hils	June 30, 2022
Buriel/Soldier's Grave Agent	Courtney Turner	June 30, 2022
Board of Health Agent	Scott McFarland	June 30, 2022
Chief Procurement Officer	Anne Marie Enoch	June 30, 2022
Right-to-Know Officer	Select Board	June 30, 2022
Right-to-Know Officer, Alternate	Larry Burke	June 30, 2022
Solid Waste Coordinator	Freddy Friedman	June 30, 2022
Transfer Station Working Group	Andrea Ferrara	June 30, 2022
	Freddy Friedman	June 30, 2022
	Nathaniel H Yohalem	June 30, 2022
Director of Senior Services Council on Aging	Prudence Spaulding	June 30, 2022
	Joan Hotaling	June 30, 2022
	Jane Beers	June 30, 2022
	Merrie Abolafia	June 30, 2022
	Prudence Spaulding	June 30, 2022
	Marsha Harvey	June 30, 2022
Umpachene Park Commission	Robert Twing	June 30, 2022
	Sara Jackson	June 30, 2022
	Bruce Pierce	June 30, 2022
Zoning Board of Appeals	Courtney Turner	June 30, 2022
	Sharon Fleck	June 30, 2022
Zoning Board of Appeals, Alternate	Jack Bellinger	June 30, 2022
Alternate Reg Plan Comm Delegate	Robert Hartt	June 30, 2022
Lake Buel Preservation District	Christopher Hassett	June 30, 2022
Historical Commission	John Schreiber	June 30, 2022
	Claudette Callahan	June 30, 2022
	Fiona Kerr	June 30, 2022
	Deanne Mummert	June 30, 2022
Cultural Council	Eugene Cleary	June 30, 2022
	Nancy Barbe	December 31, 2022
	Holly Valente	December 31, 2022
	Richard Long	December 31, 2022
	Wendy Miller	December 31, 2022
	Sue Cohen	December 31, 2022
	Marjorie Robins Boscarino	December 31, 2022
	Joyce Hackett	December 31, 2022
Cultural Council	Sherri Gorelick	December 31, 2024
	Jane Maser	December 31, 2024
	Louise Yohalem	December 31, 2024
	Marjorie Shaprio	December 31, 2024

Cable Advisory Committee	Alice Fahs	December 31, 2024
	Steven Klein	June 30, 2022
	Michael Shocket	June 30, 2022
	Broc Kerr	June 30, 2022
	John Valente	June 30, 2022
Commission on Disabilities COD (BOS liaison)	Marsha Pshenishny	June 30, 2023
	Tara White	June 30, 2022
Commission on Disabilities	John Pshenishny	June 30, 2024
Conservation Commission	John Schreiber	June 30, 2022
	Nanci Worthington	June 30, 2022
	Frederick Friedman	June 30, 2022
	Douglas Hyde	June 30, 2022
	David Herrick	June 30, 2022
Highway Planning Working Group	Mark Carson	June 30, 2022
	Charles Loring	June 30, 2022
	Barbara Machione	June 30, 2022
	Matthew Wright	June 30, 2022
Housing Development Comm	Richard Stebbins	June 30, 2022
	Elizabeth Rosenberg	June 30, 2022
	Richard Long	June 30, 2022
	Joe Poindexter	June 30, 2022
	Will Regan	June 30, 2022
Citizen Advisory Committee	Mark Carson	June 30, 2022
	Elizabeth Rosenberg	June 30, 2022
	Nanci Worthington	June 30, 2022
Capital Planning Committee	John Halbreich	June 30, 2024
	Richard Butt	June 30, 2023
	Sheila Baird	June 30, 2024
	Nathaniel H Yohalem	June 30, 2023
	Mark Walker	June 30, 2022
Design Review Committee	Scott Walker	June 30, 2022
	Leslie Armstrong	June 30, 2022
	Richard Long	June 30, 2022
	Anne Marie Enoch	June 30, 2022
Regional School District Planning Committee	Tara B White	Indefinite
	Jane Burke	Indefinite
	Susan Smith	Indefinite
Planning Board Vacancy	Christian Stovall	Until the next Town Election
Board of Health Vacancy	Peter Marks, Sr	Until the May Town Election
Finance Committee Vacancy	Wendy Miller	Until the May Town Election
SBRSD School Committee Vacancy	Nanci Worthington	Until the November election

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SELECT BOARD

Fiscal Year 2022 July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022

Fiscal Year 2022 was a busy year for the Town of New Marlborough and the Select Board's meetings addressed a range of topics in addition to the typical business of the Town.

There were several severe storms in July and August and the torrential rains resulted in a great amount of damage to the roads in New Marlborough. In particular, the gravel roads, which make up approximately half of the public roads, suffered heavy damage costing approximately \$200,000 dollars for initial repair. The Board of Selectmen declared a State of Emergency on July 19 after the most severe of these storms and Barbara Marchione, Emergency Management Director, along with Highway Superintendent Chuck Loring, worked tirelessly with MEMA assessing and documenting damage. Multiple homes on Berkshire Woods Road and Campbell Falls Road were inaccessible during work hours for three days in August while a section of Campbell Falls Road was closed for emergency repairs. The Board thanks the residents for their patience during that difficult time as well as the Highway Department and Emergency Services for their hard work during the emergency. The Town received \$138,151 in funds from the Commonwealth's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds towards storm damage repairs and the voters approved a transfer of \$52,918 from its Free Cash to make up the remaining cost.

In the fall, the Town entered into an agreement with the Massachusetts Department of Transportation as part of the Municipal Pavement Program in which the State resurfaced approximately three miles of Route 57 from the intersection of Stone Manor Drive to the Monterey town line. The cost of the project was \$1,542,751.30 and financed through the 2021 Transportation Bond Bill. As the Town had already received a total of two million dollars in MassWorks grants (2019 and 2021), this Pavement Program funded the final portion of the Route 57 paving project. Though the Town will still be responsible for maintaining this state numbered route, we are grateful that Route 57 will be paved from end to end with State funding.

The Board concluded negotiations with the newly formed Highway Union and signed a three year Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Public hearings were held with National Grid for trimming and removing trees along the electrical lines and MASS DOT for the replacement of the bridge over the Umpachene River on Keyes Hill Road. There was one special permit hearing (155 Norfolk Road) resulting in the applicant withdrawing without prejudice.

The Board met with the Housing Committee and heard a presentation on a potential project with Construct, Inc on converting Casselis Farm to affordable housing units. The Board expressed its support of the project and committed to make available to the project no less than 50% of the Town's \$426,610 in ARPA funds.

The Board also met with members of New Marlborough's Historical Society who would like to work with the Town in repairing the historic stone arch bridge on Campbell Falls Road. The Society asked for permission to fund raise for the preservation project and, at Annual Town Meeting, residents voted to accept donations for this purpose.

In Town Hall, internet was hooked up by Charter/Spectrum, the heating system was upgraded, and air conditioning was installed. The Town received the cost estimate from EDM, Inc for bringing the Town Hall into compliance with the American Disability Act. The estimate is for over \$2.1 million dollars and does not include any other necessary repairs that are unrelated to the ADA. The Board agreed to explore other options before making any recommendations to the voters.

Administratively, the Board signed an Inter-Municipal agreement with Gt. Barrington for Elderly Transportation as well as an agreement for a shared Human Resource Director to be hired in fiscal year 2022. It also signed a commitment with the newly formed Southern Berkshire Public Health Collaborative and appointed a Capital Planning Committee. In June, the members of the Board voted to make an administrative name change from the Board of Selectmen to the Select Board.

The Board spent an unprecedented amount of time on dog complaints this year and held three nuisance/dangerous dog hearings as well as a hearing on an unlicensed kennel. Thank you to Animal Control Officer Cassie Keeley, Animal Inspector Prudence Spaulding, and Police Chief Graham Frank for the extra work involved in those incidents.

The Board heard concerns from residents about the continued closure of the Mill River Post Office, speeding (particularly in the villages), and riverbank erosion (specifically along the banks of the Konkapot River in Hartsville). These issues are ongoing and will continue to be addressed in FY 23.

Annual Town Meeting returned to the Fire House after being held in a tent at the New Marlborough Central School the previous two years. Thank you to Barry Shapiro and Marc Trachtenberg for bringing electronic voting to town meeting. It was a great success and received positive feedback from voters.

The fiscal year concluded with only two serving members on the Board, as Daniel Alden, elected in May, resigned on June 14. A special election to fill the vacancy was set for late summer.

There were numerous staff changes during the year and new hires include Matt Kollmer (Building Commissioner), Tracy Stoddard (Police Department Clerical Assistant), Craig Colantoni (Highway Equipment Operator), David Lupiani (Part time Police Officer), Jessica Horan (Treasurer and Tax Collector) and Rebecca Wagner (Clerk to the Board of Assessors).

The Board thanks all the employees, emergency personnel, elected and appointed officials, committee members, and volunteers for their dedication and commitment to the Town and its residents. In particular, we thank the following employees who have taken other positions or retired: Gina Campbell (Tax Collector), Pete Wilson (Highway Equipment Operator/Mechanic), Ian Curtiss (Police Officer), and Sharon Fleck (Administrative Secretary). Finally, we offer special congratulations to Marsha Pshenishny as she retired after 36 years with the Office of the Board of Assessors.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard E. Long, *Chair*

TOWN OF NEW MARLBOROUGH

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES - MAY 2, 2022

The Annual Town Meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM on Monday, the 2nd day of May, 2022 at the New Marlborough Fire Department, Norfolk Rd, Southfield Village by Moderator, Barry Shapiro. Mr. Shapiro welcomed voters to the Annual Town Meeting and mentioned that this form of town meeting has been occurring for four hundred years (400). Ninety-Two (92) voters were present. All stood and listened to the national anthem. A moment of silence in honor of all that serviced for the Town we lost this past year, and the veterans, police and rescue. Mr. Shapiro extend thanks to the Fire & Rescue, Police Department, and all others who assisted with the set up for this meeting. Mr. Shapiro announced that Ms. Prudence Spaulding has attended sixty three (63) Annual Town Meetings. Mr. Shapiro announced that Mrs. Marsha Pshenishny began working for the Town back in 1986 and has until to serve for thirty six years (36) and to thank her for service to the Town. Mr. Shapiro mentioned that this year voters will use the clicker given to them at check in and went over the procedure of how to work them. Mr. Shapiro also mentioned that the voters were given the red voter's cards in case of the software system doesn't work. Mr. Shapiro also mentioned that the purpose of the meeting is to act on the forty six (46) articles; and that there will be a time limit of two minutes for those you wish to speak and that you address all questions to him and speak respectfully. Mr. Shapiro noted that the warrant was duly posted by the constable, Mr. William West. After the greetings were done a motion was made, seconded and so voted to waive the reading of the warrant.

Article 1: To hear and act upon the reports of the Town Officers or any committee of the Town.

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to act as agents of the Town in accordance with Chapter 40, Section 2 of the General Laws for the purpose of bringing suit or suits in the name of the Town and on its behalf, and to adjust, litigate, defend, compromise, settle, and execute any and all documents pursuant to any settlement on behalf of the Town for such amounts as the Selectmen shall determine in their decision to be proper and in the best interest of the Town, or take any other vote in relation thereto.

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to seek and accept any grants, or take any other vote in relation thereto.

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint any member or members thereof to other office(s) or position(s) for a term as provided by law (if any), or otherwise for a term not to exceed one year and to fix the salary and compensation in accordance with Chapter 41, Section 4A of the General Laws, or take any other vote in relation thereto.

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Health to appoint an

agent for the Board of Health who may be a member of the Board of Health, under the provisions of Chapter 41, Section 4A of the General Laws, subject to the approval of the Board of Selectmen, or take any other vote in relation thereto.

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Conservation Commission to appoint an agent for the Conservation Commission, who may be a member of the Conservation Commission, under the provisions of Chapter 41, Section 4A of the General Laws, subject to the approval of the Board of Selectmen, or take any other vote in relation thereto.

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to authorize any Town Board to appoint any member thereof to another office or position, subject to the approval of the Board of Selectmen, for a term as provided by law (if any), or otherwise for the term not to exceed one year, and to fix the salary and compensation in accordance with Chapter 41, Section 4A of the General Laws, or take any other vote in relation thereto.

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to accept any and all money appropriated by the Executive Office of Transportation and Massachusetts Highway Department, subject to the approval of the Board of Selectmen, said sums to be used for the purpose of repairing roads, or take any other vote in relation thereto.

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to accept any and all money appropriated by the Executive Office of Veterans Affairs and appropriate said amounts, subject to the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to the Veterans Benefits Trust Fund for the purpose of paying veteran benefits under Chapter 115 of the General Laws, or take any other vote in relation thereto. **A motion was made, seconded and so voted to approve Articles 1 through 9 as presented.**

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$52,918.00, or any other amount, from Free Cash, and appropriate said amount, or any other amount, to the Fiscal Year 22 Summer Storms account, to pay for damages to roads incurred in the severe rainstorms in July and August of 2021, or take any other vote in relation thereto. *(Recommended by the Finance Committee)*

A motion was made, seconded and so voted to approve Article 10 as presented.

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to affix the salaries of various elected Town Officers, or take any other vote in relation thereto. *(Recommended by the Finance Committee)*

	FY 2023	+/-	FY 2022
Board of Selectmen (each, 3 members)	\$3,000.00	\$30.00	\$2,970.00
Town Moderator	\$145.00		\$145.00
Town Clerk	\$41,043.00	\$1,722.00	\$39,321.00
Board of Assessors (chairman)	\$2,200.00		\$2,200.00
Board of Assessors (each, 2 members)	\$1,900.00		\$1,900.00
Board of Health (chairman)	\$450.00		\$450.00

Board of Health (each, 2 members)	\$400.00	\$400.00
Cemetery Commissioners (chairman)	\$175.00	\$175.00
Cemetery Commissioners (each, 2 members)	\$150.00	\$150.00
Constable	\$475.00	\$475.00
Tree Warden	\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00
Library Trustees (chairman)	\$120.00	\$120.00
Library Trustees (each, 2 members)	\$100.00	\$100.00
School Committee Reps (each, 2 members)	\$825.00	\$825.00

A motion was made, seconded and so voted to approve Article #11 as presented.

General Government

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amounts recommended, or any other amounts, for the following purposes, or take any other vote in relation thereto.
(Recommended by the Finance Committee)

	FY 2023	+/-	FY 2022
1 Moderator	\$145.00	\$ -	\$145.00
2 Selectmen Salaries	\$9,000.00	\$90.00	\$8,910.00
3 Selectmen Expenses	\$4,650.00	\$ -	\$4,650.00
4 Contingency	\$3,500.00	\$1,000.00	\$2,500.00
5 Conservation Commission Expenses	\$1,900.00	\$ -	\$1,900.00
6 Conservation Commission Clerical	\$3,349.00	\$2,449.00	\$900.00
7 Town & Labor Counsel	\$17,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$15,000.00
8 Town Administrator Salary	\$51,215.00	\$1,456.00	\$49,759.00
9 Administrative Secretary Salary	\$36,968.00	\$1,590.00	\$35,378.00
10 Human Resources Position	\$5,000.00	\$(10,360.00)	\$15,360.00
11 Website	\$2,725.00	\$(1,370.00)	\$4,095.00
12 Finance Committee Expenses	\$250.00	\$ -	\$250.00
13 Finance Committee Clerical	\$750.00	\$ -	\$750.00
14 Accounting Officer Salary	\$21,394.00	\$922.00	\$20,472.00
15 Accounting Officer Expenses	\$4,684.00	\$169.00	\$4,515.00
16 Assessors Salaries	\$6,000.00	\$ -	\$6,000.00
17 Assessors General Expenses	\$5,250.00	\$4,240.00	\$1,010.00
18 Assessors Tax Map Update	\$2,500.00	\$ -	\$2,500.00
19 Assessors Property Cards Online	\$1,770.00	\$90.00	\$1,680.00
20 Assessors Clerk Salary	\$24,645.00	\$1,060.00	\$23,585.00
21 Assessors Computer Contract	\$4,881.00	\$(5.00)	\$4,886.00
22 Assessors Revaluation Account	\$17,500.00	\$ -	\$17,500.00
23 Tax Collector Computer Service	\$7,440.00	\$ -	\$7,440.00
24 Tax Collector Department Salaries	\$27,105.00	\$(2,162.00)	\$29,267.00
25 Tax Collector Expenses	\$7,250.00	\$835.00	\$6,415.00
26 Treasurer Department Salaries	\$27,732.00	\$1,194.00	\$26,538.00
27 Treasurer Expenses	\$3,000.00	\$ -	\$3,000.00
28 Treasurer Software	\$ 6,529.00	\$2,034.00	\$4,495.00
29 Town Clerk Salary	\$41,043.00	\$1,722.00	\$39,321.00

30 Town Clerk Expenses	\$2,150.00	\$1,150.00	\$1,000.00
31 Town Records Preservation	\$2,500.00	\$ -	\$2,500.00
32 Election Expenses	\$3,230.00	\$180.00	\$3,050.00
33 Election Compensation	\$1,532.00	\$537.00	\$995.00
34 Street Listing	\$800.00	\$ -	\$800.00
35 Planning Board Expenses	\$900.00	\$ -	\$900.00
36 Planning Board Clerical	\$2,100.00	\$750.00	\$1,350.00
37 Board of Appeals	\$50.00	\$ -	\$50.00
38 Clerical	\$9,971.00	\$428.00	\$9,543.00
39 Town Hall Expenses	\$37,300.00	\$800.00	\$36,500.00
40 Town Hall Custodian	\$9,726.00	\$419.00	\$9,307.00
41 Town Officers Bonds	\$1,000.00	\$ -	\$1,000.00
42 Printing	<u>\$1,700.00</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$1,700.00</u>
Total Article 12	\$418,134.00	\$11,218.00	\$406,916.00

A motion was made, seconded and so voted to approve Article #12 as presented.

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amounts recommended, or any other amounts, for the following purposes, or take any other vote in relation thereto.
(Recommended by the Finance Committee)

	FY 2023	+/-	FY 2022
1 Roads and Bridges Salaries	\$395,819.00	\$26,721.00	\$369,098.00
2 Roads and Bridges Expenses	\$206,850.00	\$10,350.00	\$196,500.00
3 Fuel: Propane & Diesel	\$62,000.00	\$19,000.00	\$43,000.00
4 Winter Roads	\$266,334.00	\$ -	\$266,334.00
5 Street Lights	\$6,100.00	\$600.00	\$5,500.00
6 Highway Department Expenses	\$31,801.00	\$4,615.00	\$27,186.00
7 Machinery Expense	\$88,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$78,000.00
8 Cemetery Officers Stipends	\$475.00	\$ -	\$475.00
9 Cemetery Salaries	\$43,053.00	\$2,371.00	\$40,682.00
10 Cemetery Expenses	<u>\$3,900.00</u>	<u>\$1,300.00</u>	<u>\$2,600.00</u>
Total Article 13	\$1,104,332.00	\$74,957.00	\$1,029,375.00

A motion was made, seconded and so voted to approve Article #13 as presented.

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000.00, or any other amount, for the purpose of defraying any associated right of way expenses in connection with the repair and/or replacement of the bridge over the Umpachene River on Keyes Hill Road, or take any other vote in relation thereto.

(Recommended by the Finance Committee)

A motion was made, seconded and so voted to approve Article #14 as presented.

Schools/Education

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amounts recommended for the purpose of paying the Town's assessed share of the Southern Berkshire Regional School District budget, or take any other vote in relation thereto. *(Recommended by the Finance Committee)*

	FY 2023	+/-	FY 2022
1 SBRSD Operating and Transportation	\$2,607,499.00	\$(67,659.00)	\$2,675,158.00
2 SBRSD Capital (Includes Bond)	<u>\$100,901.00</u>	<u>\$(9,808.00)</u>	<u>\$110,709.00</u>
Total Article 15	\$2,708,400.00	\$(77,467.00)	\$2,785,867.00

A motion was made, seconded and so voted to approve Article #15 as presented.

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise the sum of \$8,800.00 and appropriate said amount, or any other amount, to the Vocational Education Account for the purpose of providing vocational education to town students as required by State law, or take any other vote in relation thereto. *(Recommended by the Finance Committee)*

A motion was made, seconded and so voted to approve Article #16 as presented.

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,650.00, or any other amount, for School Committee Representatives Compensation, or take any other vote in relation thereto. *(Recommended by the Finance Committee)*

A motion was made, seconded and so voted to approve Article #17 as presented.

Culture and Recreation

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amounts recommended, or any other amounts, for the following purposes, or take any other vote in relation thereto. *(Recommended by the Finance Committee)*

	FY 2023	+/-	FY 2022
1 Library Expenses	\$54,477.00	\$5,307.00	\$49,170.00
2 Library Salaries	\$70,809.00	\$3,051.00	\$67,758.00
3 Library Trustees Stipends	\$320.00	\$ -	\$320.00
4 Historical Commission Clerical	\$300.00	\$ -	\$300.00
5 Historical Commission Expenses	\$700.00	\$ -	\$700.00
6 Umpachene Falls Park Expenses	\$4,000.00	\$500.00	\$3,500.00
7 Care of Village Green	\$3,636.00	\$171.00	\$3,465.00
8 Cultural Council Expenses	\$1,500.00	\$250.00	\$1,250.00
9 Memorial Day	<u>\$700.00</u>	<u>\$200.00</u>	<u>\$500.00</u>
Total Article 18	\$136,442.00	\$9,479.00	\$126,963.00

A motion was made, seconded and so voted to approve Article #18 as presented.

Protection of Persons and Property

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amounts recommended, or any other amounts, for the following purposes, or take any other vote in relation thereto. *(Recommended by the Finance Committee)*

A motion was made, seconded and so voted to approve Article #9 as presented.

	FY 2023	+/-	FY 2022
1 Police Department Salaries	\$223,574.00	\$20,866.00	\$202,708.00
2 Police Reform Bridge Academy	\$4,281.00	\$143.00	\$4,138.00

3	Police Department Expenses	\$44,175.00	\$9,850.00	\$34,325.00
4	Police Department Rental	\$3,000.00	\$(3,000.00)	\$6,000.00
5	Constable Stipend	\$475.00	\$ -	\$475.00
6	Fire Protection	\$73,500.00	\$7,250.00	\$66,250.00
7	Fire Fighters Stipends	\$36,500.00	\$ -	\$36,500.00
8	Fire Department Clerical	\$1,700.00	\$ -	\$1,700.00
9	NM Rescue Clerical	\$7,384.00	\$170.00	\$7,214.00
10	Building Inspector Expenses	\$3,315.00	\$ -	\$3,315.00
11	Building Department Salaries	\$23,440.00	\$(991.00)	\$24,431.00
12	Alternate Building Inspector Comp	\$500.00	\$(250.00)	\$750.00
13	Building Inspector Software	\$3,195.00	\$185.00	\$3,010.00
14	Emergency Management Stipend	\$4,650.00	\$200.00	\$4,450.00
15	Emergency Management Expenses	\$2,000.00	\$ -	\$2,000.00
16	Animal Control Officer Stipend	\$6,500.00	\$500.00	\$6,000.00
17	Animal Control Officer Expenses	\$3,065.00	\$ -	\$3,065.00
18	Animal Inspector Compensation	\$4,000.00	\$500.00	\$3,500.00
19	Animal Inspector Expense	\$825.00	\$300.00	\$525.00
20	Tree Warden Salary	\$1,250.00	\$ -	\$1,250.00
21	Tree Work	\$28,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$27,000.00
22	Emergency Notification System	\$2,718.00	\$8.00	\$2,700.00
23	Berkshire County Communications	<u>\$11,575.00</u>	<u>\$338.00</u>	<u>\$11,237.00</u>
Total Article 19		\$489,622.00	\$37,079.00	\$452,543.00

A motion was made, seconded and so voted to approve Article #19 as presented.

Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise the amount of \$40,000.00, or any other amount, and appropriate said amount to the Firefighter/EMT Paid Shift Account, and transfer the amount of \$20,000.00 or any amount, from the New Marlborough Rescue/Comstar Reserved Account, and to appropriate said amount, or any other amount to the Firefighter/EMT Paid Shift Account, for the purpose of staffing the Fire Department and Ambulance during the day, or take any vote in relation thereto.

(Recommended by the Finance Committee)

A motion was made, seconded and so voted to approve Article #20 as presented.

Article 21: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the amount of \$27,950.00 from the New Marlborough Rescue/Comstar Reserved Account, or any other amount, and to appropriate said amount, or any other amount, to the New Marlborough Rescue Expense Account for the purpose of the operation of emergency ambulance service, or take any other vote in relation thereto. ***(Recommended by the Finance Committee)*** [FY 22 amount \$ 22,800.00; + \$5,150.00]

A motion was made, seconded and so voted to approve Article #21 as presented.

Article 22: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the amount of \$40,945.00 from the New Marlborough Rescue/Comstar Reserved Account, or any other amount, and to appropriate said amount, or any other amount, to the New Marlborough Rescue Stipend Account for the purpose of staffing the ambulance, or take any other vote in relation thereto. ***(Recommended by the Finance Committee)*** [FY 22 amount \$ 38,823.00; + \$2,122.00]

A motion was made, seconded and so voted to approve Article #22 as presented.

Article 23: To see if the Town will vote to raise the amount of \$41,000.00 or any other amount, and appropriate said amount, or any other amount, to the Fire Department Equipment Account, for the purpose of purchasing a set of extrication/rescue tools for the Fire Department, or take any other vote in relation thereto.

(Recommended by the Finance Committee)

A motion was made, seconded and so voted to approve Article #23 as presented.

Article 24: To see if the Town will vote to raise the amount of \$22,000.00, or any other amount, and appropriate said amount, or any other amount to the Police Radio Account for the purpose of purchasing and upgrading police radios, or take any other vote in relation thereto. *(Recommended by the Finance Committee)*

A motion was made, seconded and so voted to approve Article #24 as presented.

Article 25: To see if the Town will vote to raise the amount of \$11,500.00, or any other amount, and to appropriate said amount, or any other amount to the Police Body and Cruiser Camera Account, for the purpose of purchasing, installing, and maintaining police body and cruiser cameras, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a five year agreement with the vendor, or take any other vote in relation thereto.

(Recommended by the Finance Committee)

A motion was made, seconded and so voted to approve Article #25 as presented.

Health and Human Services

Article 26: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amounts recommended, or any other amounts, for the following purposes, or take any other vote in relation thereto.

(Recommended by the Finance Committee)

	FY 2023	+/-	FY 2022
1 Household Hazardous Waste	\$2,015.00	\$(50.00)	\$2,065.00
2 Board of Health Salaries	\$1,250.00	\$ -	\$1,250.00
3 Board of Health Expenses	\$1,300.00	\$ -	\$1,300.00
4 Board of Health Clerical	\$6,500.00	\$ -	\$6,500.00
5 Board of Health Software Expense	\$2,230.00	\$130.00	\$2,100.00
6 Transfer Station Expenses	\$106,235.00	\$8,235.00	\$98,000.00
7 Transfer Station Salaries	\$31,431.00	\$1,353.00	\$30,078.00
8 Southern Berkshire Public Health	\$2,750.00	\$ -	\$2,750.00
9 Group Purchasing	\$3,365.00	\$445.00	\$2,920.00
10 Council on Aging Director Stipend	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$ -
11 Council on Aging Expenses	\$6,400.00	\$ -	\$6,400.00
12 Commission on Disabilities Ex	\$100.00	\$ -	\$100.00
13 Senior Tax Workoff Expenses	\$150.00	\$100.00	\$50.00
14 Housing Committee Expense	\$350.00	\$ -	\$350.00
15 ADA Coordinator	<u>\$1,500.00</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$1,500.00</u>
Total Article 26	\$168,076.00	\$12,713.00	\$155,363.00

A motion was made, seconded and so voted to approve Article #26 as presented.

Debt and Interest

Article 27: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amounts recommended, or any other amounts, for the following purposes, or take any other vote in relation thereto. *(Recommended by the Finance Committee)*

	FY 2023	+/-	FY 2022
1 2015 Fire Truck	\$63,800.00	\$(2,200.00)	\$66,000.00
2 2019 Grader	\$41,600.00	\$(1,300.00)	\$42,900.00
3 Hatchery Road	<u>\$48,564.00</u>	<u>\$1,648.00</u>	<u>\$46,916.00</u>
Total Article 27	\$153,964.00	\$(1,852.00)	\$155,816.00

A motion was made, seconded and so voted to approve Article #27 as presented.

Unclassified Expenses

Article 28: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the recommended amounts, or any other amounts, for the following purposes, or take any other vote in relation thereto. *(Recommended by the Finance Committee)*

	FY 2023	+/-	FY 2022
1 Berkshire County Retirement	\$183,721.00	\$6,907.00	\$176,814.00
2 Town Insurances	\$84,391.00	\$19,906.00	\$64,485.00
3 Group Health Insurance	\$265,046.00	\$39,269.00	\$225,777.00
4 Insurance Reimbursement	\$2,000.00	\$(2,000.00)	\$4,000.00
5 Longevity Stipend	\$3,750.00	\$(250.00)	\$4,000.00
6 Medicare	\$23,000.00	\$4128.00	\$18,872.00
7 Veterans District	\$7,090.00	\$513.00	\$6,577.00
8 Veterans Benefits Trust Chapter 115	\$10,000.00	\$ -	\$10,000.00
9 Berkshire Regional Planning	\$1,270.00	\$67.00	\$1,203.00
10 Reserve Fund	\$50,000.00	\$ -	\$50,000.00
11 Nonexempt Employee Contingency	<u>\$1,500.00</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$1,500.00</u>
Total Article 28	\$631,768.00	\$68,540.00	\$563,228.00

A motion was made, seconded and so voted to approve Article #28 as presented.

Article 29: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$150,000.00, or any other amount, for the purpose of funding the Stabilization Fund, or take any other vote in relation thereto. *(Recommended by the Finance Committee)*

A motion was made, seconded and so voted to approve Article #29 as presented.

Article 30: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept a donation of land in the village of Hartsville from Erik Mandell and Shauna Burke described as approximately .50 acre, more or less, along the westerly portion of Map 104 Parcel 7 and Hartsville Mill River Road in the village of Hartsville, or take any other vote in relation thereto.

A motion was made, seconded. An amendment motion was made and seconded to include a portion of Map 401 Parcel 108 on the assessor's map .5 acres more or less from Erik Mandell and Shauna Burke to repair river bank on the other side of the bridge. A voter inquired if this amount of land would then be property of the Town. Mr. Mark Carson, Select board member stated yes it would, since the property owners are donating the land to the Town. After discussion the amendment motion was approved by 80 to 1 motion carries.

Article 31: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000.00, or any other amount, for the purpose of defraying any associated cost, including a land survey, in connection with accepting a donation of land in the village of Hartsville from Erik Mandell and Shauna Burke described as approximately .50 acre, more or less, along the westerly portion of Map 104 Parcel 7 and Hartsville Mill River Road in the village of Hartsville, or take any other vote in relation thereto.

(Recommended by the Finance Committee)

A motion was made, seconded. An amendment motion was made and seconded to increase the amount to \$6,000.00 to cover all the surveyor costs for both sides of the property. After discussion the amendment motion was approved by 76 to 3 motion carries.

Article 32: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$260,000.00 or any other amount, from the Stabilization Account, and appropriate said amount, or any other amount, to the Ambulance Account for the purpose of purchasing and equipping an ambulance, and to authorize the Town to sell or trade in the 2012 Ford E450 ambulance, or take any other vote in relation thereto. ***(Recommended by the Finance Committee) (2/3 vote required)***

A motion was made, seconded. A voter inquired on what any other amount means in this article. Mr. Jeremia Pollard, Town Counsel stated that the amount is list \$260,000.00, and that a specific amount can't be increased. After discussion motion was approved 73 to 8.

Article 33: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$150,000.00, or any other amount, from Free Cash, and appropriate said amount, or any other amount, to the 2023 Highway Truck account, for the purpose of purchasing a 19.5 GVW highway truck with complete snow and ice removal package, and authorize the Town to sell or trade in the 2011 Ford 550, any proceeds which will be put toward the remaining cost of the 2023 Highway Truck, or take any other vote in relation there to.

(Recommended by the Finance Committee)

A motion was made, seconded and so voted to approve Article #33 as presented 66 to 19.

Article 34: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$150,000.00, or any other amount, from Free Cash, and appropriate said amount, or any other amount, to the 2023 Loader Backhoe Account for the purpose of purchasing a loader backhoe with attachments, and to authorize the Town to sell or trade in the 2002 John Deere Backhoe, or take any other vote in relation thereto. ***(Recommended by the Finance Committee)***

A motion was made, seconded and so voted to approve Article #34 as presented 66 to 18.

Article 35: To see if the Town will vote to raise, by borrowing, the amount of

\$500,000.00, or any other amount, and appropriate said amount to the Capital Road Projects Account for the purpose of repairing town roads and to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to issue any bonds or notes that may be necessary for that purpose, or take any other vote in relation thereto. **(2/3 Vote Required)** **A motion was made, seconded. A voter inquired on how will the Town going to pay this amount back. Mr. Richard Long, Board of Selectmen member mentioned that this is part of the five year plan, and the bond term would be 10 to 15 years, and that the Capital Planning Committee has approved this article. After discussion motion to approve Article #35 by 75 to 12.**

Article 36: To see if the Town will vote to fix the maximum amount that may be spent during fiscal year 2023 without further appropriation for the revolving funds established in the General By-laws for certain departments, boards, committees, agencies, or other officers in accordance with MGL Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ as follows, or take any other vote in relation thereto:

<u>Authorized Revolving Funds</u>	<u>FY 2023 Spending Limit</u>
Plumbing Inspector	\$7,500.00
Gas Inspector	\$5,000.00
Electrical Inspector	\$10,000.00
Board of Health	\$17,000.00
Tax Title Fees	\$25,000.00

A motion was made, seconded and so voted to approve Article #26 as presented.

Article 37: To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept monetary donations for the purpose of repairing the historic stone arch bridge on Campbell Falls Road, or take any other vote in relation thereto.

A motion was made, seconded and so voted to approve Article #37 as presented.

Mr. Shapiro stated that both Articles 38 & 39 will be discussed together.

Article 38: To see if the Town of New Marlborough will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to conduct a study, inclusive of actuarial analysis, of the potential actuarial retirement period cost of implementing post-employment health insurance benefits under MGL Chapter 32 and 32B for vested service employees, defined as at least ten (10) years of continuous municipal employment, who qualify for retirement, which may be as soon as age 55, covering the employee and his/her spouse and dependents, and assuming the employer contribution is 75% per cent (75%) of the benefit cost; and, further, in order to accommodate time for the study and provide for appropriate budgeting, to see if the Town of New Marlborough will vote to delay final action on a post-employment health insurance benefit until the next Annual Town Meeting of May 1, 2023, or take any other vote in relation thereto.

A motion was made, seconded. Mr. Richard Long, Board of Selectmen, Chair mentioned that the Board only received this petition a month ago, and that they haven't had enough time to research what the costs would be. Mr. Long also stated that is one of the most important articles that is being decided on this evening, and if article #39 is approved it isn't changeable. After discussion Article #38 was approved by 51 to 37.

Article 39: Citizen's Petition: To see if the Town of New Marlborough will vote to offer the post-employment health insurance benefit under MGL Chapter 32 and 32B for vested employees, defined as at least ten (10) years continuous municipal employment, who qualify for retirement. This will cover the employee and his/her spouse. The employee contribution is twenty-five per cent (25%) with the Town's contribution being seventy-five per cent (75%), or take any other vote in relation thereto.

A motion was made, seconded. Mrs. Sharon Fleck, co-sponsor of the petition stated that there are currently forty six (46) town in Berkshire Retirement System and 3 or 4 of the towns don't provide this benefit to employees, with New Marlborough being one of them. Mrs. Fleck also mentioned that the Town currently reimburses one employees insurance, and that New Marlborough is consider on of the wealthy towns. Mr. Charles Loring, co-sponsor of the petition mentioned that currently has a Town employee he doesn't take the insurance benefit and his wife's job already provides this benefit. Mr. Loring also mentioned that he lost two employees since the Town doesn't offer this benefit, and that New Marlborough needs to be competitive with surrounding towns. Ms. Tara White, Board of Selectmen mentioned that the Board is trying to be diligent and doesn't know how many employees would need this benefit. Mr. Steven Klein, Chairman of the Finance Committee stated that the committee wasn't presented this petition to review and that the financial costs need to be known. Mrs. Barbara Marchione, member of the Finance Committee stated that this is the right thing to do for employees and we need to take care of our own people. A voter mentioned that they support passing this article and it's the right thing to do, and it's only for a few employees. Another voted mentioned that this needs to be passed. Mr. Robert Miller, member of the Finance Committee mentioned that he's not in favor of passing this article, since we don't know the costs. A voter inquired if there's another way to offer this benefit. Mr. Jeremia Pollard stated that this is done by statue, and there's no other Massachusetts law to accept for this benefit. Ms. Mari Enoch, Town Administrator mentioned that employees are vested in the retirement system at ten years. After discuss Article #39 was approved by 49 to 42.

Article 40: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a Tax Agreement pursuant to MGL Chapter 59 Section 38H(b) and Chapter 164 Section 1, and/or any other enabling authority with NM MA Solar, LLC and NM MA Solar II, LLC for personal property taxes associated with the 3 MW solar photovoltaic facility located on the property at 540 Mill River Southfield Road and 646 Mill River Southfield Road for a term of up to 20 years, on such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen deems to be in the best interest of the Town, and to take any and all actions as may be necessary or convenient to accomplish the purpose of this article, or take any other vote in relation thereto.

A motion was made, seconded. A resident inquired as to why does this article mentioned as personal property taxes instead of commercial taxes. Mr. Jeremia Pollard mentioned that this is a pilot agreement lieu of taxes and the tax is for just equipment. After discussion motion to approve Article #40 76 to 10.

Article 41: To see if the Town will vote to accept portions of Keyes Hill Road as public ways, as heretofore laid out by the Board of Selectmen and shown on the plans entitled

"New Marlborough Keyes Hill-2022 Road Proposed Layout" dated March 3, 2022, prepared by Greenman-Pedersen, Inc., as said plan may be amended, and on file with the Town Clerk, for all purposes for which public ways are used in the Town of New Marlborough, and any drainage, utility, access, and/or other easements related thereto, all as shown on the plans, or take any other vote in relation thereto.

A motion was made, seconded and so voted to approve Article #41 as presented.

Article 42: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire the following land parcels or modifications of these parcels, or other required parcels; and/or, the rights in land parcels for the purpose of obtaining a secure and public right of way. This will allow for the construction and roadway safety improvements for the construction of a new bridge on Keyes Hill Road.

In Fee:	Total number of parcels:	Area (square feet):
Temporary Easement	5	+/- 7,628
Permanent Easement	4	+/- 2,186

Further that the Selectmen may acquire these parcels, or modifications of these parcels, or other required parcels, through all legal means. This includes donations, purchase, or eminent domain. The subject parcels are currently identified on proposed plans drafted by Greenman-Pedersen, Inc, dated April 15, 2022, titled “Plan and Profile of Keyes Hill Road over Umpachene River in the Town of New Marlborough, Berkshire County, Preliminary Right of Way Plans”, or take any other vote in relation thereto.

(2/3 Vote required)

A motion was made, seconded and so voted to approve Article #42 71 to 13 motion carries.

Article 43: To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following General Bylaw titled Historic Structure Demolition Pause Bylaw, to be numbered according to Town Meeting’s acceptance or rejection of proposed bylaws, or take any other vote in relation thereto:

New Marlborough Historic Structure Demolition Pause Bylaw

Section 1: Intent and Purpose.

This bylaw is adopted for the purpose of protecting and preserving significant historical structures, which constitute or reflect important features of the history, architecture, and/or historical character of the Town of New Marlborough. Through this bylaw the town seeks to encourage owners and businesses to preserve, rehabilitate, reuse and/or restore such significant structures rather than demolishing them.

Section 2: Definitions.

For the purpose of this bylaw the following words and phrases will have these meanings:

- a. *Structure:* Any edifice or building of any kind that is constructed or erected and requires a permanent location on the ground, or is attached to such a structure (not including wheels).

b. *Commission*: The New Marlborough Historical Commission

c. *Committee*: Two members from the New Marlborough Planning Board, two members from the Historical Commission and one at large member appointed by the Selectmen.

d. *Demolition*: Any act of destroying, pulling down, removing or razing more than 40% of a significant structure.

e. *Demolition Permit*: The permit issued by the Building Inspector as required by State Building Code for the demolition or partial demolition or removal of a structure from its lot, or moving such structure on the lot.

f. *Permit*: Written authorization from the Building Inspector that will allow or disallow a particular action with respect to construction and/or demolition.

g. *Significant Structure*: The Committee shall determine that a structure be designated as a significant structure if it was built prior to the date Nineteen hundred one (1901) **and** meets one or more of the following criteria:

1. *National Register of Historic Places*: the structure is listed on, is within an area listed on or is the subject of a pending application for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

2. *Historical Importance*: the structure meets the criteria of historical importance if it meets one or more of the following:

- a. as character, interest or value as part of the development, heritage or cultural characteristics of the town of New Marlborough, Berkshire County, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts or the nation;
- b. is the site of an historic event;
- c. is identified with a person or group of persons who had some historic influence on society;
- d. exemplifies the historic cultural, political, economic, or heritage of The Town of New Marlborough.

3. *Architectural Importance*: the structure meets the criteria of architectural importance if it meets one or more of the following:

- a. portrays the environment of a group of people in an era of history characterized by a distinctive architectural style;
- b. embodies distinguishing characteristics of an architectural type; is the work of an architect, master builder or craftsman whose individual work has influenced the development of the Town or region; contains elements of architectural design, detail, materials or craftsmanship which represent a significant innovation.

4. *Geographic Importance*: the structure or site meets the criteria of geographic importance if either:

- a. the site is part of, or related to, a historically relevant square, park or the structure, as to its unique location or:

b. its' physical characteristics, represents an established and familiar visual historic feature of the neighborhoods, village centers, or the community as a whole

Section 3: Required Review Procedure.

No permits for demolition of a Significant Structure, as determined under Section 2, (Definitions), shall be issued without following the provisions of this bylaw.

An applicant proposing to demolish a structure subject to this bylaw shall file with the Building Inspector an application containing the following information:

- a. address of the structure to be demolished.
- b. owner's name, address and telephone number.
- c. description of the structure.
- d. reason(s) for requesting a demolition permit,
- e. brief description of the proposed reuse, reconstruction or replacement.
- f. photograph(s) of the structure.

The Building Inspector, upon receipt of an application for demolition of a structure subject to this bylaw, shall within the next seven (7) business days forward a copy of each such application for a demolition permit to (or shall satisfy himself that a duplicate of such application has been submitted to) the Committee. No demolition permit shall be issued at that time.

Within thirty (30) days from receipt of the application for a permit from the Building Inspector, the Committee shall make a determination as to whether the structure is a Significant Structure as defined in Section 2. The Committee shall make its determination in a public meeting of members or through use of a predetermined *Significant Structures list* developed and maintained through processes determined by the Committee consistent with this bylaw. If the Historic Committee determines the structure to not be significant, the Committee shall notify the Building Inspector in writing within five (5) business days and the permit may be granted through the normal building permit process. If the Committee determines the structure to be significant, the permit will be put on hold until the Committee holds a public hearing and determines if the structure is considered a *Significant Structure*.

Such public hearing will be held within thirty (30) days of determination by the Committee that a structure for which a demolition permit has been requested is a *Significant Structure*. Notice of the public hearing shall be published in a local newspaper two (2) weeks in advance of the hearing and the structure owner and all abutters notified in writing at the same time.

If, after such hearing, the Committee determines that the demolition of the structure would not be detrimental to the historical, geographical or architectural heritage or resources of the Town, the Committee shall so notify the Building Inspector within ten (10) business days of such hearing. Upon receipt of such notification, or after the expiration of ten (10) business days from the date of the conclusion of the hearing if she/he has not received notification from the Committee, the Building Inspector may, subject to the requirements of the State Building Code and any other applicable laws, bylaws, rules and regulations, issue the demolition permit.

Maximum Pause Period

If the Committee determines that the demolition of the structure would be detrimental to the historical, geographical or architectural heritage or resources of the Town, such structure shall be considered a *Significant Structure*. Upon such determination by the Committee, no permit for demolition, new construction or alterations to the subject structure shall be issued for a period of nine (9) months from the date of receipt of the permit request by the Building Inspector. The Committee may reduce the maximum pause period if preservation, rehabilitation, reuse and or restoration of a *Significant Structure* is deemed impracticable.

No permit for demolition of a structure determined to be a *Significant Structure* in order to build a new structure(s) shall be granted until all approvals necessary for the issuance of permits for new structure(s), including any necessary zoning variances or special permits, are granted and all appeals concluded.

The Building Inspector may issue a demolition permit for a *Significant Structure* within the nine (9) months delay only if the Committee notifies the Building Inspector in writing that the Committee finds the intent and purpose of this bylaw is served even with the issuance of the demolition permit.

Following the nine (9) month delay period, the homeowner can proceed with the Building Inspector to obtain a demolition permit. If demolition does not occur within twenty-four (24) months of the permitted date, the permit will expire.

Section 4: Administration.

The Committee may adopt such rules and regulations as are necessary to administer the terms of this bylaw. The Committee is authorized to adopt a schedule of reasonable fees to cover the costs associated with the administration of this bylaw. The Committee may develop a list of Significant Structures that will be subject to this bylaw. Structures proposed for the Significant Structure list shall be added following a public hearing.

Section 5: Emergency Demolition:

If after an inspection, the Building Inspector finds a structure subject to this bylaw to pose an immediate threat to public health or safety due to its deteriorated condition and that there is no reasonable alternative to the immediate demolition of the structure, the Building Inspector may issue an emergency demolition permit to the owner of the structure. The Building Inspector shall then prepare a report explaining the condition of the building and the basis for his decision, which shall be forwarded to the Committee within seven (7) days.

Section 6: Enforcement and Remedies:

The Building Inspector is specifically authorized as enforcing person to institute any and all actions and proceedings, in law or equity, as they may deem necessary and appropriate to obtain compliance with the requirements of this bylaw or to prevent a threatened violation thereof, including, but not limited to non-criminal disposition pursuant to MGL c.40 §21D and Articles of the General Bylaw.

Any owner of a structure subject to this bylaw who demolishes a structure without first

obtaining a demolition permit in accordance with the provisions of this bylaw shall be subject to a fine. Each day the violation exists shall constitute a separate offense until a faithful restoration of the demolished structure is completed, or unless otherwise agreed to by the building inspector AND the Committee.

If a structure subject to this bylaw is demolished without first obtaining a demolition permit, no building permit shall be issued for a period of two (2) years from the date of the demolition on the subject parcel of land unless the building permit is for the faithful restoration referred to above or unless otherwise agreed to by the Committee and Building Inspector.

Section 7: Appeal:

Appeals from decisions or determinations of the Committee following a Public Hearing may be made by the applicant(s) or the abutter(s) to the courts under the certiorari statute, MGL c.249, Section 4.

Section 8: Severability.

In case any section, paragraph or part of this bylaw be for any reason declared invalid or unconstitutional by any court, every other section, paragraph and part shall continue in full force and effect.

A motion was made, and seconded. Mr. John Schreiber, Historical Commission, Chair mentioned that New England is all about history, and development is very active. Mr. Schreiber mentioned that Sheffield passed a historical bylaw a few years ago. Mr. Schreiber also stated that 50% of towns/cities in Massachusetts have a historical bylaw and a number of other towns/cities are considering to bring a historical bylaw to the voters. Mr. Schreiber also mentioned that this bylaw is for buildings/homes 1901 or prior in age, and that this bylaw is to pause and think if there's another option for the building. Mr. After discussion a motion to approve Article #43 by 66 to 22.

Article 44: To see if the Town will vote to amend the General Bylaws by adding the following Section 22 Dark Sky Protection, or to take any other vote in relation thereto:

Section 22 DARK SKY PROTECTION

22.1 PURPOSE

The purpose of this Section 22 is to: (i) protect the rural character of the Town; (ii) protect the natural beauty of a dark sky, in which stars, planets and constellations can be viewed unimpeded from the encroachment of glare, excessive lighting, and light pollution; (iii) promote the use of advanced lighting technology; and (iv) balance the needs of economic development, human and animal safety and the Town's natural character through the regulation of Outdoor Lighting in new construction and changes of use.

22.2 DEFINITIONS

“AdaptiveControls” means mechanical or electronic devices, when used in the context of Outdoor Lighting systems, intended to actively regulate the switching, duration, and/or intensity of light emitted by such systems. Examples of adaptive controls include timers, dimmers, and motion-sensing switches.

“Applicant” means the person or entity that applies for the issuance of any permit.

“Application” means a written application for the issuance of any permit.

“Electronic display” means any illuminated sign of an informative or advertising nature, whether on or off-premises, and operable at night, whose content is made visible to the viewer by means of luminous elements under active electronic control and therefore subject to alteration in order to vary the content of the message. Electronic displays may be either static or dynamic in terms of light color and intensity.

“Fully Shielded” means an outdoor Luminaire constructed so that in its installed position all the light emitted by the Luminaire is projected below the horizontal plane passing through the lowest light-emitting part of the Luminaire. Figure 1 shows the correct configuration of a Fully Shielded Luminaire, indicating the ninety (90) degree angle between the horizontal plane passing through the lowest light emitting part of the Luminaire and the nadir, defined as the local vertical pointing toward the center of the earth.

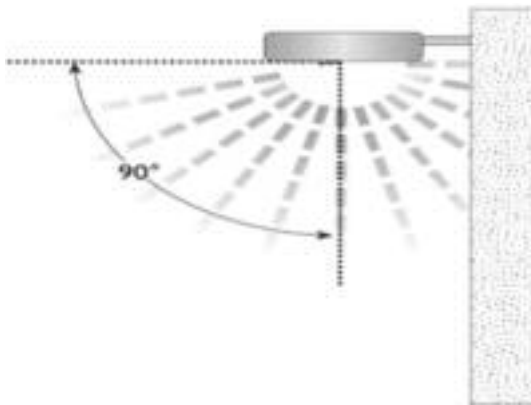


Figure 1

“International Dark-Sky Association” means the non-profit organization headquartered at 3223 North First Avenue, Tucson, Arizona, whose mission is to reduce light pollution through the promotion of recognized best practices in Outdoor Lighting design, installation, and operation.

“Lamp” means the bulb or other light-emitting portion of a Luminaire, not inclusive of any reflective or refractive optics used to direct light.

“Light pollution” means any unintended, adverse and/or obtrusive effect of the use of outdoor light at night.

“Luminaire” means a complete lighting assembly, consisting of a Lamp, housing, optic(s), and other structural elements, but not including any mounting pole or surface.

“Outdoor Lighting” means temporary or permanent lighting that is installed, located, or used in such a manner as to cause light rays to shine outdoors.

“Outdoor Sports Lighting” means lighting equipment designed and installed specifically to illuminate outdoor fields used for the practice and play of any outdoor sport or similar recreation activity. This term refers only to lighting directed toward, and intended to facilitate, play or recreation on outdoor surfaces, or to illuminate spectator viewing stands, but not for illumination of any other part of a connected or adjacent property.

“Public Lighting” means Outdoor Lighting equipment owned, operated, and/or maintained or leased by the Town and that is situated either on Town-owned property or in a public right of way. This term is inclusive of street lighting when owned or leased by the Town.

“Searchlight” means any high-intensity light source whose emission pattern is confined to a narrow beam and whose intended purpose is to draw attention to the locations at which products or services are sold. Sometimes referred to as a “sky beam.”

“Special Permit Granting Authority” means the Select Board of the Town.

“Town” means the town of New Marlborough, MA.

“Up-lighting” means any Luminaire that is directed toward the sky or onto an object from below the object.

22.3 APPLICABILITY

22.3.1 General applicability. All Outdoor Lighting Luminaires installed after the effective date of this bylaw, in all zoning districts in the Town, shall be in conformance with the requirements established by this bylaw and any other applicable bylaws, codes or regulations of the Town.

22.3.2 New Construction. The provisions of this bylaw shall apply to all new construction of real property for which a building permit is required.

22.3.3 Renovation. The provisions of this bylaw shall apply to the renovation of an existing building or structure for which a building permit is required; provided however, that compliance with this bylaw is required only with respect to the renovated portion of the existing building or structure. To the extent, however, that the renovation

of an existing building or structure equals or exceeds twenty-five (25) percent of the property's assessed value, then all the Outside Lighting Luminaires on the property must be brought into conformance with this bylaw.

22.3.4 Legal non-conforming Luminaires. All commercial and residential Outdoor Lighting Luminaires that were lawfully installed prior to the effective date of this bylaw, but that do not comply with the requirements of this bylaw are declared to be legal non-conforming Luminaires. All legal non-conforming Luminaires may continue to be used and maintained after the adoption of this bylaw and any related codes or regulations, but shall be brought into compliance with its requirements upon the first to occur of any of the following:

22.3.4.1 A change of use of a property, or any other modification requiring a special permit.

22.3.4.2 A determination by the Select Board that the legal non-conforming Luminaire constitutes a public hazard or a nuisance.

22.3.4.3 The replacement of any legal non-conforming Luminaire with new lighting equipment, not inclusive of Lamps or similar consumable parts; or

22.3.4.4 Conformity shall occur prior to issuance of a certificate of occupancy, final inspection, or final plat recordation, when applicable. For other permits, the applicant shall have a maximum of sixty (60) days from the date of permit issuance to bring the lighting into conformance.

22.3.5 Intention. The intention of this bylaw is to encourage, but not require, that legal non-conforming Luminaires not otherwise affected by this bylaw be made compliant with this bylaw within five (5) years after the effective date of this bylaw.

22.4 MAIN PROVISIONS

22.4.1 Shielding. All Outdoor Lighting Luminaires installed after the effective date of this bylaw shall be Fully Shielded:

See Figure 2 for examples of shielded and unshielded Luminaires.

Examples of Acceptable & Unacceptable Lighting Fixtures

Unacceptable/Not Compliant

Fixtures that produce glare and light trespass



Acceptable/Compliant

Fixtures that shield the light source to minimize glare and light trespass and to facilitate better vision at night



Figure 2

22.4.2 Spectrum management. The color temperature of Lamps in all Outdoor Lighting Luminaires shall not exceed 2,700 Kelvins.

22.4.3 Top-down lighting. Externally illuminated signs shall be lit only from the top of the sign with Fully Shielded Luminaires designed and installed to prevent light from spilling beyond the physical edges of the sign.

22.4.4 General curfew for commercial uses. All Outdoor Lighting shall be extinguished by 11:00 pm or within one (1) hour of the close of normal business hours, or at the conclusion of usual operations, whichever occurs later.

22.4.5 Outdoor Sports Lighting. Outdoor Sports Lighting shall be permitted and exempted from this bylaw and related codes and regulations if its design and installation adheres to the version of the International Dark-Sky Association's Criteria for Community Friendly Outdoor Sports Lighting operative at the time when the construction permit is submitted to the Town for review.

22.4.6 Displays of the United States flag. Flagpoles displaying the United States flag are exempt from this bylaw, provided that the sole objective of the illumination is the United States flag. Wherever possible, illumination shall be from above the flag pointing downward.

22.4.7 Other restrictions. The use of the following types of Outdoor Lighting are prohibited unless specifically approved by special permit by the Special Permit Granting Authority:

22.4.7.1 Searchlights, sky beams, and similar lighting, except as required by response personnel during emergency conditions.

22.4.7.2 Lasers.

22.4.7.3 Electronic displays.

22.4.7.4 Up-lighting.

22.4.7.5 Any light that dynamically varies its output by intermittently fading, flashing, blinking, or rotating. This type of lighting includes strobe lighting.

22.4.7.6 Any Luminaire that uses mercury vapor Lamps. Further, any Luminaire that uses mercury vapor Lamps is not grandfathered by this bylaw and must be Fully Shielded within five (5) years of the effective date of this bylaw.

22.5 PUBLIC LIGHTING

22.5.1 New installations. New installations of Outdoor Lighting on public properties and rights of way may be installed only upon determination by the Select Board that a public safety hazard exists in the area to be lit, and that the hazard can only be effectively mitigated through the use of Outdoor Lighting and not through some other passive means, such as reflectorized roadway paint or markers.

22.5.2 Adaptive Controls. All new installations of Outdoor Lighting on public properties and rights of way must be regulated with Adaptive Controls such that the lighting of areas is restricted to times, places and amounts required for safe occupancy.

22.5.3 Curfew. All Outdoor Lighting on public properties and rights of way not adaptively controlled must be fully extinguished by 11:00 pm, or within one hour of the end of occupancy of the structure or area to be lit, whichever is later.

22.5.4 Compliance. All new installations of Outdoor Lighting on public properties and rights of way must comply with this bylaw.

22.5.5 Adoption. Existing Outdoor Lighting on public properties and rights of way must be modified to comply with this bylaw within one (1) year of the effective date of this bylaw.

22.6 ENFORCEMENT

22.6.1 Administrative guidance. The Select Board is authorized to promulgate one or more interpretive documents to aid in the administration of, and compliance with, this bylaw.

22.6.2 Violations. It shall be unlawful to install or operate any Outdoor Lighting Luminaire in violation of any provision of this bylaw. Any person violating any provision of this bylaw shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. Each day during which the illegal erection, maintenance and use of such non-conforming Outdoor Lighting continues shall constitute a separate offense.

22.6.3 Primary relief. The Town shall also have the right to bring a civil action to enforce the provisions of this bylaw and to seek remedies as allowed by law, including, but not limited to injunctive relief, monetary damages; or other relief as directed by a court with jurisdiction over the matter.

22.6.4 Alternative relief.

22.6.4.1 Civil Penalties. In lieu of criminal possession, a civil penalty up to \$100 per day may be assessed by the Town when it is demonstrated that a property owner was actually notified of the provisions of this bylaw and committed acts in violation of this bylaw or failed to take action necessary for compliance with this bylaw and other available relief.

22.6.4.2. Stop work orders. In the event work is not being performed in accordance with this bylaw, the Town may issue a stop work order and all work shall immediately cease on the entire project for which a permit is issued. No further work shall be undertaken on the project if a stop work order is in effect.

A motion was made, seconded. An amendment motion was made and seconded to delete a sentence in 22.6.2 (Any person violating any provision of this bylaw shall be guilty of a misdemeanor), and delete a portion in section 2.6.4.1 (in lieu of criminal prosecution). Voted to approve amendment 83 to 5. A voter inquired on if there is a time limit on the existing fixtures. Mr. Robert Hartt, Planning Board, Chair stated that this bylaw only implies to new structures, that there is no requirements need if there is nothing being changed. A voter inquired if bylaw would grandfather fixtures. Mr. Hartt mentioned that the intent is to improve lightening and to have modern lighting. Another voter was concerned about personal property rights, and feels this bylaw contains much information and need more to make any decisions. Mr. Hartt stated that the Planning Board is trying to encourage and protect the Town residences. Mr. Charles Loring, Highway Superintendent mentioned what

about all the property the Town owns – such as the highway department, they need lights for protection of gas tanks, buildings. Mr. Hartt mentioned the Board of Selectmen can request an exemption for Town properties. Another voter mentioned that there is much occurring with this bylaw and that Christmas lights would be banned. Mr. Hartt mentioned that the intention isn't to ban Christmas lights just the blinking lights. Another voter mentioned that with all the lights homeowners have now we don't have a dark sky. Mr. Hartt mentioned that this bylaw is to help, improve, encourage and the fixtures are the only item that will require a change. A voter stated that there has been hearings, and meetings regarding the proposed bylaws and encourage voters to attend them to be informed. After discussion Article #44 was approved with the amendments 53 to 31.

Article 45: To see if the Town will vote to amend the General Bylaws by adding the following Section 23 Protection Against Light Trespass, or to take any other vote in relation thereto:

Section 23 PROTECTION AGAINST LIGHT TRESPASS

23.1 PURPOSE

The purpose of this Section 23 is to protect a Person from the intentional and unintentional Light Trespass caused by another Person.

23.2 DEFINITIONS

“Lamp” means the bulb or other light-emitting portion of a Luminaire, not inclusive of any reflective or refractive optics used to direct light.

“Light Trespass” means a condition in which artificial light emitted from a Luminaire on one property is directed in such a manner that the light source or glare is visible from any other property and constitutes public hazard or a nuisance.

“Luminaire” means a complete lighting assembly, consisting of a Lamp, housing, optic(s), and other structural elements, but not including any mounting pole or surface.

“Person” means an individual, a member of a limited liability company, a partnership, or a corporation.

“Town” means the town of New Marlborough, MA.

23.3 ENFORCEMENT

The Select Board, in its sole discretion, shall determine if a Light Trespass constituting a public hazard or nuisance exists

23.4 VIOLATIONS

A condition determined by the Select Board to constitute a public hazard or nuisance

shall be in violation of this bylaw. Any Person violating any provision of this bylaw shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. Each day during which the violation exists shall constitute a separate offense.

23.5 RELIEF

The Town shall have the right to bring a civil action to enforce the provisions of this bylaw and to seek remedies as allowed by law, including, but not limited to injunctive relief, monetary damages; or other relief as directed by a court with jurisdiction over the matter.

23.6 CIVIL PENALTY

A civil penalty up to \$100 per day may be assessed by the Town when it is determined a Person is in violation of this bylaw and has failed to take action necessary for compliance with this bylaw, after notice.

A motion was made, seconded. An amendment motion was made, seconded to delete the following sentence from 23.4 any person violating any provision of this bylaw shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. Amendment motion was approved 71 to 10. Article #45 was approved with the amendment of 53 to 31.

Article 46: To see if the Town will vote to amend the New Marlborough Protective (Zoning) Bylaws by inserting the following section 8.9 (Solar Voltaic Installations) of Protective Bylaws, or to take any other vote in relation thereto: **(2/3 vote required)**

Amendment of Section 8.9 (Solar Voltaic Installations) of Protective Bylaws

8.9.5.1 A small-scale, ground-mounted solar photovoltaic installation is allowed by right only in a Rural Residential District after issuance of a Building Permit by the Building Inspector.

8.9.5.2 Small ground-mounted solar photovoltaic solar panels in the Village Residential District require a Special Permit.

[Existing section 8.9.5.2 becomes section 8.9.5.3 and existing section 8.9.5.3 becomes section 8.9.5.4.]

A motion was made, seconded. Mr. Mark Carson, Planning Board member mentioned that this bylaw wouldn't include solar panels in districts. A voter inquired on what does small scale mean. Mr. Carson mentioned small is for roof panels. Moderator inquired on if the Planning Board voted on this bylaw prior to Town meeting. Mr. Carson stated the board voted unanimously to approve this section of the bylaw. After discussion Article #46 was approved 66 to 7.

Mr. Shapiro thanked Mr. Marc Trachtenberg for his technical support with the electronic voting system.

A voter inquired on what occurs now that both articles 38 & 39 were approved. Mr. Jeremia Pollard stated that since both articles were approved it makes article #38 mute/void and that no study is required. The Town will now have to offer the retirees the insurance benefit.

A motion was made, seconded and so vote to dissolve this meeting at 9:03 PM.

Attest A True Copy:

Katherine M. Chretien, CMMC/CMC Town Clerk

BOARD OF REGISTRARS REPORT

The following report is based on primary areas of activity during 2022 calendar year.

One (1) Annual Town Meeting (May 2nd)	91 voters
One (1) Annual Town Election (May 9th)	184 voters
One (1) Town Caucus (March 29th)	22 voters
One (1) Special Town Election (September 9th)	476 voters
One (1) State Primary Election (September 9th)	292 Democrat voters 114 Republican voters
One (1) State Election (May 8th)	766 voters

Respectfully submitted,

Alicia Brazie
Michelle Dawson-Harvey
Sharon Fleck
Katherine M. Chretien, CMMC/CMC, Town Clerk

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES

We only met 3 times in 2022, due to Covid. The town is actively seeking a disability coordinator for the board.

There are a lot of problems in town that need to be addressed, but we are looking for guidance on how to proceed.

We still have an opening on the board and would welcome new members. If you are interested, please contact the Select Board.

Respectfully submitted,

Marsha Pshenishny, *Chair*
Sharon Fleck, *Secretary*
John Hotaling
John Pshenishny
Tara White, *Select Board Liaison*

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

The Town Clerk's office is the official record keeper for the Town of New Marlborough. Some of the services that this office covers are vital statistics; births, marriages, deaths, posting of meeting notices for all municipal boards and committees, voter registration, town political calendar, annual street listing, business certificates (DBA), notarization of documents, Town Meeting warrants and minutes, and payments of non-criminal violations. I wish to thank the Town residents/tax payers for their continued support as I was able to obtain my second certification as a Massachusetts Municipal Clerk.

The following report is based on primary areas of activity during 2022 calendar year.

Vitals Report

Births 4

Deaths 16

Marriage Intentions Filed 12

Marriages That Took Place 12

Dog Licensing

Dog licensing is required annually each spring. Licenses expire on March 31st and dog owners have from March 1st to May 1st to renew; if you do not renew your license a \$25.00 late fee (per dog) will be implemented in addition to your license fee. If you have a dog that is six months of age or older licensing is required.

Sex	Fee	Number of Licenses Issued	Amount
Male	\$15.00	32	\$ 480.00
Neutered Male	\$ 7.00	139	\$ 973.00
Female	\$15.00	19	\$ 285.00
Spayed Female	\$ 7.00	138	\$ 966.00
Kennel	\$30.00		\$
Kennel	\$50.00	<u>1</u>	<u>\$ 50.00</u>
Late Fees			\$ 150.00
Totals		329	\$ 2,904.00
Fees retained			\$ 329.00
Paid to Town			\$ 2,575.00

Division of Fisheries and Wildlife

The Town Clerks' office no longer sells Hunting/Sporting and Fishing/Trapping licenses, as well as, Primitive Arms, Waterfowl and Archery stamps. Hunters should be aware that annual written permission is required to hunt on private or town property.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine M. Chretien, CMMC/CMC
Town Clerk

BOARD OF ASSESSORS REPORT 2022

The Board of Assessors of the Town of New Marlborough operates under the requirements of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 59, Section 38 and the Massachusetts Department of Revenue. Under this section the Board is responsible for the valuation of all property, both real and personal, at full and fair cash value; these values are eventually used as the basis for the local property tax. Each year the Assessors office reviews values to make adjustments based on a variety of influences of market changes and cost variables with guidance, regulation and oversight provided by the Massachusetts Bureau of Local Assessments. Every five years, the Assessors office conducts an examination of all property values, this was last done in fiscal year 2022. The procedure is called a “revaluation.” Once completed, the State Department of Revenue certifies all values established under the revaluation.

In addition to assessing real estate and personal property accounts, the Assessors office processes property tax abatements, motor vehicle excise taxes and abatements, statutory exemptions, residential exemptions.

Your Board of Assessors is comprised of three members each elected for a three-year term. (Wendy Miller, Chair, 2024; Michael Britton, Vice Chair, 2025 and Freddy Friedman, 2023) At the retirement of Marsh Pshenishny after 36 years in the Assessors office, we welcomed Rebecca Wagner, Assessors Clerk/Assistant Assessor.

As required by Massachusetts General Law, the Fiscal Year 2022 assessments are based on sales that occurred during the calendar year 2020 and represent market value as of January 1, 2021. Total taxable property value in fiscal year 2022 was \$587,472,800 compared to the previous year 2021 at \$534,404,960. In fiscal year 2022, the taxable value of the town for real and personal property increased in total value due to current market conditions. New construction, residential and personal property also add to the Town’s value. Fiscal year 2022 values comprised of a total of 1885 residential, commercial, open space, and personal property. Fiscal year 2022 comprised of a total of 101 exempt properties valued at \$25,367,400.

Assessment value analysis and data is available to the public on the website — <https://www.newmarlboroughma.gov> or in in the Assessors office.

The Massachusetts Department of Revenue approved the tax rate for FY 2022 at \$9.30 per \$1000 of assessed value. The tax rate is a decrease of \$.064 from FY 2021’s tax rate of \$9.94. This single rate applies to all classes of real and personal property in accordance with the vote of the select board at the classification hearing held on December 15, 2021.

In closing the goal of the Assessors is to provide the town with professional services completed by qualified and competent staff, board members and professional consultants which will result in a fair and equitable distribution of property taxes that

BOARD OF ASSESSORS *(Continued)*

finance the services provided by the other departments in the town. As always, the board is willing to help with any questions the taxpayers may have. Please feel free to call the office at 413-229-8926.

Fiscal Year 2022 Valuations

Residential:	\$ 555,656,161
Personal Property:	\$ 7,980,090
Commercial:	\$ 21,246,719
Industrial:	\$ 2,589,830
TOTAL:	\$ 587,472,800

Exempt Property:	\$ 25,367,400
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Estimated Local Receipts Fiscal Year 2022

	Actual Receipts <u>2021</u>	Estimated Receipt <u>2022</u>
Motor Vehicle Excise	\$301,251.45	\$260,000.00
Other Excise	\$257.76	\$250.00
Penalties & Interest on Taxes & Excise	\$36,516.64	\$35,000.00
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	\$3,247.84	\$45,750.00
Solid Waste Fees	\$77,996.00	\$76,000.00
Other Charges for Services	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00
Departmental Revenues	\$0.00	\$0.00
Licenses & Permits	\$110,942.20	\$73,812.00
Fines & Forfeits	\$1,593.00	\$1,500.00
Investment Income	\$2,935.17	\$2,000.00
Miscellaneous Recurring	\$11,945.60	\$2,000.00
Miscellaneous Non-Recurring	\$1,533.65	\$6,188.00

Town Meeting Date	Total Appropriations Each Meeting	Raise & Appropriate	Free Cash	Other Available Funds	Rev Funds	Borrowing
05/22/21	\$6,393,001.00	\$5,961,378.00	\$75,000.00	\$356,623.00	84,500.00	\$210,000.00
Totals	\$6,393,001.00	\$5,961,378.00	\$75,000.00	\$356,623.00	84,500.00	\$210,000.00

BOARD OF ASSESSORS (*Continued*)

Tax Rate Recapitulation Fiscal Year 2022

Amounts to be raised

Appropriations	\$6,393,001.00
Debt & Interest	\$46,915.20
Total Cherry Sheet Offsets	\$3,463.00
Other: Deficits	\$16,356.17
Overlay deficits	\$0.00
State Cherry Sheet Charges	\$1,917.00
Allowance for Abatements & Exemptions	\$67,539.68
Total to be raised	\$6,529,192.05

Estimated Receipts & Other Revenue

State Cherry Sheet Revenue	\$131,572.00
Local Estimated	\$502,500.00

Revenue Sources Appropriated for Particular Purposes

Free Cash	\$75,000.00
Other Available Funds	\$356,623.00
Total	\$431,623.00

Summary of Total Amounts to be Raised & Total Receipts

Total estimated receipts & other revenue sources	\$1,065,695.00
Total real and personal property tax levy	\$5,463,497.05
Total receipts from all sources	\$6,529,192.05

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Miller, *Chair*
Michael Britton
Freddy Friedman
Board of Assessors

TOWN OF NEW MARLBOROUGH TAX COLLECTOR ANNUAL REPORT
7/1/21 - 6/30/22

Balance 7/1/21	Commitments	Collected	Abatements Exemptions	Refunds Issued	Credit Adjustments	Tax Title Adjustments	Balance 6/30/2022
<u>REAL ESTATE</u>							
2019	\$39,892.53	\$11,752.96					\$28,139.57
2020	\$69,836.68	\$24,765.08					\$45,071.60
2021	\$191,659.12	\$111,573.58	\$1,298.16	\$1,766.22			\$80,553.60
2022	\$5,389,282.33	\$5,205,798.24	\$34,708.75	\$35,868.62		\$7,998.50	\$176,645.46
TOTALS	\$301,388.33	\$5,353,889.86	\$36,006.91	\$37,634.84	\$-	\$7,998.50	\$330,410.23
<u>PERSONAL PROPERTY</u>							
2018	\$29.74						\$29.74
2019	\$(54.52)			\$158.54			\$104.02
2020	\$271.74	\$38.49					\$233.25
2021	\$1,603.98	\$399.25					\$1,204.73
2022	\$74,214.90	\$570.87					\$1,899.57
TOTALS	\$1,850.94	\$73,323.94	\$-	\$729.41	\$-	\$-	\$3,471.31
<u>PP FARM</u>							
2021	\$20.24	\$20.24	\$-				
2022	\$278.00	\$278.00	\$-				
TOTALS	\$20.24	\$298.24	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
<u>MOTOR VEHICLE</u>							
2008	\$702.50						\$702.50
2009	\$460.32						\$460.32
2010	\$735.21						\$735.21
2011	\$495.42						\$495.42
2012	\$726.67						\$726.67
2013	\$632.82						\$632.82

	Balance 7/1/21	Commitments	Collected	Abatements Exemptions	Refunds Issued	Credit Adjustments	Tax Title Adjustments	Balance 6/30/2022
2014	\$874.17							\$874.17
2015	\$787.06							\$787.06
2016	\$1,342.30							\$1,342.30
2017	\$2,009.48		\$76.25					\$1,933.23
2018	\$1,104.70		\$14.38					\$1,090.32
2019	\$629.19		\$57.93					\$571.26
2020	\$2,120.91	\$532.43	\$1,358.18		\$8.33			\$1,303.49
2021	\$47,473.26	\$27,963.21	\$67,016.88	\$3,390.93	\$2,056.49			\$7,085.15
2022		\$291,625.81	\$250,237.47	\$4,808.44	\$2,669.01			\$39,248.91
TOTALS	\$60,094.01	\$320,121.45	\$318,761.09	\$8,199.37	\$4,733.83	\$-	\$-	\$57,988.83
GRAND								
TOTALS	\$ -	\$5,783,896.68	\$5,746,273.13	\$44,206.28	\$43,098.08	\$-	\$7,998.50	\$57,988.83
Roll Back Taxes								
Interest			\$453.91					
Tax Collector fees			\$35,488.93					
Deputy Collector Fees			\$8,070.00					
MV Marking Fees			\$3,499.00					
Misc. Fees			\$740.00					
GRAND TOTAL COLLECTED			\$5,794,524.97					

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Horan,
Tax Collector

REPORT OF WAGES PAID IN FISCAL YEAR 2022

Employee Name	Gross Payroll	Job Description
Brittany Lane	2,796.00	Firefighter
Brandon L. Wilson	400.00	Firefighter
Edward P. Harvey	4,934.50	Rescue & Firefighter
Jeremia Pollard	12,000.00	Town Council
Robert Krupski	8,030.00	Gas & Plumbing Inspector
Charles M. Loring III	93,921.36	Highway Superintendent & Firefighter
Debora M. O'Brien	51,466.62	Library
Robert W. Palmer, Sr.	54,314.88	Highway & Cemetery
Marsha A. Pshenishny	22,483.51	Assessors Clerk
Graham M. Frank	90,977.60	Police Chief, Traffic Detail & Rescue
Joseph F. Krejci	5,845.50	Rescue
Tammi Palmer	16,298.70	Cemetery
Ed Deming	4,905.00	Police Officer/Traffic Details
Michele Dawson-Harvey	4,550.50	Rescue
Lawrence H. Davis III	450.00	Board of Health
Katherine M. Chretien	54,899.40	Town Clerk/Asst. Treasurer/Asst. Tax Collector
Alvin Stalker	25,528.81	Transfer Station/Town Hall Maintenance
David Colucci	57,106.09	Highway
Paul Krom	60,487.11	Highway
MacKenzie Loring	8,574.00	Rescue & Firefighter
Scott McFarland	10,034.74	Board of Health
Robert T. Litchfield	11,513.27	Transfer Station
Tara B. White	23,158.05	Accountant & Selectboard
Frederick L. Friedman	1,899.96	Board of Assessors
John C. Mullen	100,508.97	Police Officer/Traffic Details
Wendy Miller	1,924.96	Board of Assessors
Mark Lane	2,770.00	Firefighter
Maureen L. Krejci	12,608.26	Rescue & Firefighter
Robert Dvorchik	8,884.00	Firefighter
David Smith	6,506.00	Firefighter
William J. Ruane	54,572.42	Highway
Robert A. Scott	5,199.92	Rescue & Firefighter
Peter Wilson	20,690.99	Highway
Sharon A. Fleck	20,010.70	Administrative Secretary
Danielle Guidi	1,203.00	Rescue & Firefighter
Matthew Wright	2,577.00	Tree Warden & Rescue
Anne Marie Enoch	48,715.82	Town Administrator
Gina Campbell	10,255.01	Tax Collector
Laura Worth	14,679.73	Highway Clerical
Karisa King	592.00	Firefighter
Barry R. Shapiro	145.00	Moderator

REPORT OF WAGES PAID IN FISCAL YEAR 2022

Employee Name	Gross Payroll	Job Description
Marilyn A. Fracasso	265.51	Transfer Station/Election Worker
Gary Miller	304.80	Transfer Station
Sheila M. Koneazny	2,901.93	Library
Sally Turner	120.00	Library Trustee
Robert Fedell	5,492.00	Rescue & Firefighter
Brian Dillon	3,228.00	Firefighter
Hunter S. Lucey	500.00	Firefighter
Gary W. Lemon	87,299.96	Police Officer/Traffic Details
Michael P. Leining	13,530.00	Electrical Inspector
Autumn Snyder	12,876.85	Library
Lawrence I. Ray	1,045.00	Alt. Electrical Inspector
Jane Burke	825.00	School Committee
Jordan J. Chretien	4,685.00	Board of Health
Matthew Kollmer	22,065.72	Building Inspector
Daniel J. Bonetti	49,609.00	Highway
Molly P. Goodchild	159.31	Library
Austin Rapisarda	2,140.00	Firefighter
Cassie Keeley	6,000.00	Animal Control Officer
Mark Carson	2,970.00	Selectboard
Kadin Shafiroff	15,355.54	Police Officer/Traffic Details
Ian Curtiss	4,765.14	Police Officer/Traffic Details
Michael Ovitt	42,661.16	Police Officer/Traffic Details
Barbara E. Marchione	4,449.96	Emergency Management Director
Jessica Horan	34,443.87	Treasurer/Tax Collector
Tracy M. Stoddard	7,458.24	Administrative Assistant to Chief of Police
Robin B. Tost	100.00	Library Trustee
William West	15,703.75	Constable & Traffic Details
Craig S. Colantoni	24,235.00	Highway
Prudence Spaulding	3,500.00	Animal Inspector
David A. Lupiani	8,145.03	Police Officer/Traffic Details
Jeff Schoenfarber	263.50	Rescue
Rebecca Wagner	1,936.00	Assessors Clerk
Carrieanne Petrick	618.75	School Committee
Daniel Alden	278.85	Selectboard
Peter B. Marks	100.00	Board of Health
Nanci Worthington	206.25	Library Trustee
Michael Britton	262.83	Board of Assessors
John Halbreich	1,000.00	Firefighter
Total Wages Paid	\$1,319,921.33	

REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER

TRUST FUNDS

As of June 30, 2022

ITEM	BALANCE 6/30/22
Stabilization Fund	805,994.80
Marcus Rogers Fund	6,890.60
Cemetery Perpetual Care Bequests	79,689.02
Cemetery Perpetual Care Interest	8,807.62
Unemployment Security Fund	41,341.23
New Marlborough Library	25,277.94
Conservation Commission	11,169.21
Sunrise on Knight Road Escrow	100,404.86
Cultural Council	43,313.35
TOTAL TRUST FUNDS	\$1,122,888.63

LONG TERM DEBT

June 30, 2022

ITEM	BALANCE 6/30/22
Fire Truck (2015)	220,000.00
Highway Grader (2019)	227,500.00
Hatchery Road Repairs (2022)	165,000.00
TOTAL DEBT	\$612,500.00

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Horan,
Treasurer

SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT

During the fiscal year 2022 the Southern Berkshire Regional School District School Committee strived to fulfill their responsibility to ensure the success of all students while managing the extra challenges of resulting from the pandemic. The committee had to monitor the ever changing state mandates and Board of Health reports to comply with rules about social distancing, masking, regulations about vaccinations, and COVID testing. It was difficult to balance the varied opinions expressed by parents and staff when crafting new policies to minimize the spread of the virus in the school community. Additional attention was paid to the emotional stress experienced by faculty, students and families which required the adoption of new programs to address their needs. Another set-back was the loss of three members elected in FY 21. Genis Melendezz-Delany of Egremont died, Hannah Bracken of Monterey moved out of state, and CarrieAnne Petrik of New Marlborough resigned. It wasn't until March 2022 that all three new members were appointed: Laura Rodrigues of Monterey, James DiPisa of Egremont, and Nancy Worthington of New Marlborough.

In the fall the committee approved the all-important Strategy for District Improvement a document that guides the yearly action plan for the district to succeed in its mission to provide “a rigorous educational environment that prepares and inspires all students to be resilient, curious, and ethical global citizens who embrace the challenges of an ever-changing world through a commitment to our core values of opportunity, excellence, character, & community.” The document was put forward by Superintendent Dr. Beth Regulbuto and the Leadership Team including Sandra Hubbard Director of Student Services, Julie Dolan Director of Curriculum and Professional Development, Jesse Carpenter Principal of Mount Everett, Charles Miller Principal of the Elementary Schools, and Chris Thompson Directory of Technology and outlined these goals for the year:

- Provide all students with high quality materials, curriculum aligned to the standards, student centered instruction, meaningful assessments, & targeted interventions to improve instructional practices & provide increased opportunities for inclusion & equity.
- Continually assess and improve District facilities to ensure a safe, efficient, & effective use of resources that promotes the learning, growth, & success of all students, faculty & staff in a secure environment
- Continue to build a learning environment that fosters partnerships with families, community organizations, & other stakeholders in support of the District's vision.
- Promote a positive school culture by actively engaging in reflective and research-based practices, cultivating meaningful relationships, building connections, honoring our core values, & inspiring life-long learners.

The Committee worked diligently to make complete the important business of supervising and supporting the superintendent, approving school district goals, maintaining

SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT (*Continued*)

appropriate school district policies, negotiating with the union, evaluating the superintendent, and approving the annual budget. The subcommittees that oversaw these tasks were especially busy during FY 22. In the fall the Superintendent Evaluation Subcommittee worked the superintendent to create a document which defined her specific goals and action steps and shepherded it through to the approval vote by the full committee. This document served as the basis for the school committee's annual state mandated performance evaluation the superintendent. In February this committee did a mid-year report in June led the committee's final assessment of Dr. Regulbuto's success in accomplishing six of these goals. She received the highest overall rating of exemplary. The committee members voted her work exemplary on her achievements advancing all six goals.

In December, the Finance Subcommittee began its multi-month process of working with the superintendent on the construction of the budget. A meeting calendar was posted so community members could participate in all aspects of building a budget taking into account the needs of students and the financial capacity of the towns. All departments submitted their requests which were considered by the superintendent with the finance subcommittee input. The unanticipated need to overhaul the HVAC system and a very large increase in the transportation costs posed a big challenge. At its March meeting the Committee approved the FY23 Budget of \$18,474,140 which was a \$ 679,584 increase (3.82%) with an assessment increase of 3.7%. The committee congratulated the superintendent for managing to hold down the increase despite a huge spike in transportation and the overhaul of the HVAC system. Using a formula based on numerous factors including rolling averages of students and town wealth, the assessment for New Marlborough was down - 2.78%.

December also saw the start a six-month process with the Southern Berkshire Regional Education Association to agree on a new three-year contract. The Negotiations Subcommittee met numerous times to work with the superintendent, district legal counsel, and union leadership craft new contracts for all units including teachers, paraprofessionals, and custodial staff. Important changes that were agreed upon were a clear definition of the start and end of the work day, expectations for student supports, Professional Development, and raises. The contracts were ratified by the union and the full school committee in June.

The Buildings and Grounds Subcommittee which oversees the maintenance of all of the campuses took on the work of assessing the HVAC system to insure good air quality. The subcommittee committee decided upgrades were needed and over a few months entertained bids for this very large undertaking. In June the subcommittee brought a recommendation to for the full committee and a bid was approved to start work as soon as feasible. As will all construction projects there were delays due to supply chain issues.

Also working overtime was the Policy Subcommittee which not only had to keep up with making state mandated amendments to the existing policies but needed to craft policies specific to SBRSD COVID safety. There was much discussion, zoom community conversations, and research required before new policies about such issues as masking, test-

SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT (*Continued*)

ing, vaccinations, and afterschool activities before the policies were brought to the full committee for adoptions. It was difficult to balance all the opposing views. Thanks to the Public Health Team, a group of Berkshire County health practitioners who met with the superintendent and school committee members regularly, the committee was able to make decisions based on sound local advice. Members of the public can read these policies that are all posted on the SBRSD website. Go to School Committee section and click on SBRSD Policy Manual.

The committee was gratified by the great strides made in improving educational opportunity for students especially given the other challenges. The district received the coveted Early College Designation from the state including multi-year funding for implementation. The program is unique, a wrap-around program where every student grades seven through twelve will participate. Those who desire to take full advantage of the program can earn 30 college credits for free from our partner Bard College at Simon's Rock. SBRSD is the only rural school receiving this honor. Included in this initiative is revamped approach to career preparation and an expansion of the internship program. Since public participation is key to the success of the early college, the first of four community visioning sessions was in June. Another plus for students was the implementation of the state supported Accelerated Learning to address learning loss from disruption caused by COVID. Teachers learned how to have their students move at their own pace to get up to grade level. Regular testing of students showed their progress and the areas where they struggled.

As the year ended, COVID restrictions were relaxed and it was possible to have a joyous graduation ceremony back at Tanglewood. This was a great way to end a very arduous year for school committee, administration, teachers, and families.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane S. Burke

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE ANIMAL INSPECTOR

FROM JULY 1 2021 TO JUNE 30, 2022

The Animal Inspector works under the supervision of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts' Department of Agriculture. The Commonwealth is always concerned about the care of its animals (both domestic and farm animals).

All mammals (eg. cows, horses, pigs, sheep, goats, cats, dogs etc.) need to be vaccinated protecting them against rabies. Although this year there has been no reported incidence of rabies in our town.

Owners of farm animals need to keep their animals off the public roads for both the safety of their animal as well as the driving public! This year there were three incidents of animals on public roads.

Each year dog owners are encouraged to respect the town's 'leash law'. Dog owners need to know that should they take their dog out of state (and this often applies to our 'second home owners') they need to have a current rabies vaccination certificate with them. Some owners simply keep a copy of this in their car's glove compartment!

This past year two dogs were put in quarantine because of biting incidents. Because they were fully vaccinated the quarantining period only lasted ten days!

The Animal Inspector with the Animal Control Officer continues to supervise two dogs who have been designated as "dangerous". This designation results in their owner closely supervising them at all times, providing a 6 foot high fenced in area, and when taking them out for walks using a very short leash! Because most dogs will chase chickens respecting the 'leash law' eliminates this and prevents a dog from killing a chicken (chickens are protected in Massachusetts since they are 'farm' animals).

Each year the Animal Inspector is required to inspect the homes of farm animals. Because of the pandemic this was not done last year. Nevertheless a close relationship with farm owners was maintained. This year barn inspections were resumed.

Farmers are required to tag their over 6 month old animals. Barns with only one chicken are must be inspected. It is helpful for the animal inspector to be able to call the owner of the animals prior to inspection. This proved very difficult this year since many farm owners have discontinued using 'land lines' and now have new cell numbers. When animal owners change their phone service they are encouraged to report their new number to the Animal Inspector.

Reviewing the results of the barn book inspections it is interesting to note that seven farm owners (who were inspected last year) no longer have animals. Some have sold their animals out of our town and some animals (like turkeys and chicken) have succumbed to bears and racoons.

ANIMAL INSPECTOR REPORT (*Continued*)

The following is the list of animals inspected this year:

Dairy 1 adult and 1 young
Beef 46 adults and 38 young
Steers 22
Bulls 1
Goats 15 adult and 3 young
Sheep 89 adults and 3 young
Swine (breeders) 19; (feeders) 46; boar 1
Horses 43
Ponies 2
Donkeys 14
Mules 7
Chicken 3558
Pigeons 11
Ducks 24
Guinea Hens 14
Peacocks 7
Geese 15

In closing it must be noted that Mrs. Cassie Keeley resigned from the position of Animal Control Officer this past August and Mr. Graham Frank Marlborough's Police Chief accepted the position.

It has been an honor to serve as the community's Animal Inspector and a privilege to live in the town of New Marlborough.

Respectfully submitted,

Prudence Spaulding
Animal Inspector

REPORT OF THE ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICE

One of the most rewarding and necessary duties of a rural small town animal control officer is answering wildlife questions. Please keep asking those questions and be proactive living with our animal friends. In some places across the country, "Animal Control" is starting to be renamed as "Animal Protection Services." I think that is a more accurate title which reflects the future and priorities of the job more effectively.

Unfortunately for some, wildlife is a problem which needs to be rectified, or eliminated. "Eliminating" the wildlife "problem" is not only impossible, but also unnecessary. As an example, If a raccoon moves under your shed, some people choose to exterminate the animal, or hire a trapper, who by law must also exterminate the raccoon. You may think you have solved your problem, but you have created a vacancy for a skunk, woodchuck, or fox family to move in! It makes more sense to wait for the animal to leave, and to seal up the shed where the raccoon got in, preventing future invaders. But maybe that raccoon had babies under your porch this spring. Could you find it in your heart to let the babies get old enough to move on before you seal up the area? I wish everyone could start thinking more like this! How can we live WITH our woodland friends safely?

How about we all consider patience, and try outsmarting the wildlife nonviolently, as an alternative? I recently had three raccoons invade my chicken coop through a board that had rotted and went unnoticed by my family. I escorted them out with the help of a water hose, and my husband repaired the chicken coop so well that the raccoons would need a chainsaw to get back in. It's been six months, and I haven't seen them since.

There are also deterrents you can purchase or might have around the house! (Critter Ridder, ammonia, and dirty cat litter, to name a few.) Did you know that Mylar balloons can be terrifying to small mammals? They move in the wind, seemingly randomly, are shiny and bob, suspiciously like a predator! How about we purchase or build stronger chicken coops, use electric fences, motion detector lights, and seal up our porches and sheds from the bottom up?

Ask questions! Call animal experts! If you ask the right questions, with respect for the wildlife, there are solutions. Sometimes it requires effort and patience, tolerance, sometimes a "Plan B." We aren't cavemen anymore. We don't need to beat down everything with our clubs. We don't have anything to prove, we won already. The planet is basically ours to destroy. Or not.

I am handing the torch back to Chief Frank, as I will no longer be New Marlborough's animal control officer. But I will always be an animal advocate. Please feel free to email me if you have an animal question or problems. I don't have all the answers, but I have found many resources the past two years that do have the answers! I would be glad to help. starbrightkeeley@gmail.com

ANIMAL CONTROL (*Continued*)

- **TOTAL CALLS** *117
- Dog Calls *60
 - Running At Large *38
 - Complaints *16
 - Citations *27
- Cat Calls *2
- Wildlife Calls *47
 - Dispatched *1
 - Rehabilitated *1
- Farm Calls *8
 - Running At Large *3
- All Species Intakes *7
 - Hearings *10
 - Kennel Inspections *1

Respectfully submitted,

Cassie Keeley
Animal Control Officer

BOARD OF HEALTH REPORT

In Fiscal Year 2022 the Board of Health membership initially consisted of Larry Davis III, Chairman, Jack Bellinger and Jordan Chretien as members, and Scott McFarland as Agent. Jack Bellinger ultimately resigned as he moved out of the area and was replaced in January 2022 by Peter Marks. Board of Health meetings are generally held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6 PM, unless otherwise posted. Meetings returned to in-person for FY2022. The Board of Health voted to increase its permit and witnessing fees (after 14 years). The new fees are available on the Town website and in the On-line Permitting applications.

Permits and licenses issued by the Board of Health for FY 2022 were as follows:

- 11 New system designs were permitted
- 13 Repairs/upgrades to existing systems were permitted
- 25 Perc and deep hole tests performed
- 23 Title 5 Inspections witnessed
- 9 Septic System Installer permits issued
- 4 Septic Pumper permits were issued
- 15 Well site inspections and permits issued
- 7 Food Permits
- 1 Recreational Camp License
- 1 Public Beach permit
- 1 Housing Inspection
- 1 Water Bottling permit
- 4 Beaver permits

Although FY2022 continued to be busy, activity regarding septic inspections and perc testing was back down to typical levels after an extraordinary amount of real estate activity in FY21. With the increased activity in the local housing market, the board reminds residents that a Title 5 Septic Inspection (as per 310 CMR 15.000) is required of the seller upon transfer of ownership of property with a septic system, regardless of the method of financing. For example, a cash sale does NOT exempt the property from the requirement of a Title 5 Septic Inspection. The seller must provide the results of an official inspection to the buyer and the Board of Health upon sale of the property. There are a few very specific inter-family transfers that are exempt, but you should confer with your real estate lawyer and the Board of Health agent before assuming they apply to your situation.

Jordan Chretien continued as Assistant Health Agent, taking on septic related witnessing and food inspection and permitting responsibilities. Jordan will continue to get trained and take on additional responsibilities. With Assistance from Jayne Smith, New Marlborough did receive an FDA food grant (for calendar year 2022) to help the town with inspection and permitting activities and training. Jayne will administer the grant through the Tri-Town Health Department, and is working with Jordan to get him trained in taking on New Marlborough food inspection responsibilities.

BOARD OF HEALTH REPORT (*Continued*)

After the initial formation of the Southern Berkshire Public Health Collaborative in FY21, New Marlborough continued and deepened its commitment to the SBPHC throughout FY 2022. The SBPHC is supported by a Public Health Excellence grant from the state. The SBPHC received the grant, which provides \$300,000 over the first 3 years and has allowed the SBPHC set up shared public health nursing to serve our area towns. The Berkshire VNA stopped offering public health nursing services as of the end of FY2021, so establishment of a new program through the SBPHC was key. It is important to note that a condition of the grant is that grant funded services cannot supplant existing Board of Health funding. To that end, the BOH redirected former Berkshire VNA public health nursing funds to the SBPHC for expanded public health nursing service. The towns in the Collaborative also executed an Intermunicipal Agreement relative to shared services the SBPHC can provide. The Berkshire Public Health Alliance also received the same Public Health Excellence grant. Although New Marlborough remains part of both regional collaboratives, we have committed to receiving funding only through the SBPHC, as required by conditions of the Public Health Excellence grant. We are very excited that both groups received the grants, bringing substantial public health funding into Berkshire County and expect continued development of public health services via the SBPHC over the coming year.

The Board acknowledges long-time New Marlborough resident and Board of Health member, Norm Hankey, who passed away in Spring 2022, for his years of service to the Town. Thank you Norm.

The Board of Health is here to help protect your health and to work with you on those issues that require Board of Health input or permitting, and we ask for your cooperation and support in this endeavor.

Respectfully submitted,

Board of Health
Larry Davis, III, Chairman
Jordan Chretien, Member
Jack Bellinger, Member
Pia Bellinger, Secretary
Scott McFarland, Agent

SOUTHERN BERKSHIRE PUBLIC HEALTH COLLABORATIVE

As FY22 came to a close, the Southern Berkshire Public Health Collaborative was awarded a 4.1-million-dollar, multiyear grant to partner with 7 other Southern Berkshire towns to share a public health nursing program with the towns of Alford, Great Barrington, Mount Washington, Monterey, New Marlborough, Otis, Sheffield, and existing Tri-Town District towns (Lee, Lenox, and Stockbridge). In year 2 the towns of Tyringham and Sandisfield have joined the Collaborative. The new Shared Services arrangement is intended to increase access to those that need comprehensive public health nursing services and will begin to close inequity gaps. It creates a means to organically foster relationships and expand future cross jurisdictional sharing by creating a more focused, regional platform. The pandemic has reinforced the need for smaller, sustainable, effective, and efficient regional public health systems. Access to full time clinical nurses will help diminish inequities, foster new relationships, and create better health outcomes for Southern Berkshire County.

Respectfully submitted,

James J. Wilusz, R.S.
Executive Director of Public Health
Tri-Town Health Department
Lee, Lenox, and Stockbridge Boards of Health
Southern Berkshire Public Health Collaborative

REPORT OF THE CULTURAL COUNCIL

The New Marlborough Cultural Council is a local extension of the Massachusetts Cultural Council, annually funded by the State Legislature, and the largest grassroots cultural funding network in the nation supporting community-based projects in the arts, humanities, and sciences annually.

In Fiscal Year 2022, the Cultural Council awarded \$15,423 to 22 educational, musical and arts programs to enrich the lives of our community. \$4,800 was provided by the Massachusetts Cultural Council while the remainder was made possible by generous gifts from the people of New Marlborough. Among children's programs were art classes at Flying Cloud, theater at Shakespeare and Company and learning about the land with the Greenagers. Music filled the air at the Meeting House and Southfield Church and at the library there are now ukuleles to borrow so that we can make our own music. Among the art projects were an exhibit at Sculpture now and classes with IS183. Unfortunately, once again in FY'22, Burritt Day had to be canceled due to Covid restrictions. The Council awarded the 17th Annual Elihu Burritt Day Award which was presented by Representative Smitty Pignatelli to Joe Poindexter in appreciation and recognition of his dedicated and exemplary volunteer service to the community of New Marlborough. The Council continued to be dedicated and active to ensure that our artists and organizations could sustain themselves despite the pandemic. Our vibrant grants programs and dedicated Council members were an indication of how successfully we achieved this goal.

Respectfully submitted,

Members of the New Marlborough Cultural Council '22

Nancy Barbe

Marjorie Robins Boscarino

Eugene Cleary

Alice Fahs

Linda Fass

Jane Maser

Kathy Potoski

Margie Shapiro

Holly Valente

Louise Yohalem

SOUTHERN BERKSHIRE DISTRICT DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES (SBDDVS)

Thank you for allowing me to service the member towns, their veterans, and widows. We have made great strides in reaching out to our veterans in our local area, letting them know the various services available to them from Elderly Services, Community Actions and also the local senior centers. During FY 2022 we have seen a slight decrease in all areas of operation and currently have 39 active Chapter 115 claims.

Chapter 115 Submissions and Return from the State:

Town	FY 2022 Submitted 7/1/21-6/30/22	Pmt Due in FY 2023 - FY 2022 - 75%
New Marlborough	\$6,664.26	\$4,998.20

Over the last year we have completed the following for our member town's veterans:

Applications for VA Health Care	21
ALS/Disability/A&A/Appeals/Life Insurance	42
DD 214s	38
Request for Grave Markers	40
Tax Abatements/SS help/Other requests	20
Flags to funerals homes for veterans	25
Assisted with Dr. appointments	15
Home and Office Visits	265
Veterans Services Phone Calls	1175

For FY 2022 District budget was reduced by the reserve resulting in a smaller assessment for the member towns. During these trying financial times all veterans and widows are encouraged to contact this office or the US Department of Veterans Affairs and review current entitlements as many changes have taken place. New Marlborough's apportionment towards the FY 2022 DVS budget was \$6,576.99 – this number was based on population percentage on the 2020 Census.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurie J. Hils
District Director
Southern Berkshire District Veterans Services

REPORT OF THE VETERAN'S BURIAL AGENT

Happily, there have been no Veteran burials reported in the Town of New Marlborough this year.

As always, we decorate with flags with almost 250 Veteran graves throughout the town.

Respectfully submitted,

Courtney K. Turner
Burial / Soldiers Grave Agent

REPORT OF THE CEMETERY COMMISSION

The Cemetery Commission has been working on removing dead trees from all cemeteries. Many of these trees are in danger of coming down and damaging the headstones. Some restoration work has been done on the headstones in the New Marlborough Cemetery. We thank the New Marlborough Historical Society in partnering with the Town for these restorations.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammi Palmer
Robert Palmer
Tara White

REPORT OF THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The New Marlborough Historical Commission is part of New Marlborough Municipal Government. The Commission consists of volunteers appointed by the Selectmen who are responsible for community-wide historic preservation planning. The Commission has been focused on three major projects in 2022:

The addition of Southfield to the National Register of Historic Places (Mill River and New Marlborough Village are already in the Registry). Currently the proposal is with the State Historical Commission for evaluation.

Completion of a comprehensive inventory of all historic buildings in the town.

Completion of the demolition delay bylaw to create a pause in proposed demolition of historic buildings to determine if other alternatives besides demolition are possible. The bylaw was voted on and passed by two thirds vote at the 2022 Town Meeting. The Massachusetts Attorney General has subsequently approved the bylaw which is now in effect for New Marlborough.

The Commission will work with the Planning Board in a joint committee should any historic buildings be proposed for demolition.

Respectfully submitted,

John Schreiber, Chair
Claudette Callahan, Fiona Kerr

CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

In the first quarter of Fiscal Year 2022, the Cable Advisory Committee oversaw the successful completion of the installation of Spectrum's high-speed fiber-to-the-home internet network. Nearly 800 homeowners signed up for one or more of services offered including internet, television or telephone. The Cable Advisory Committee continued to assist homeowners by troubleshooting sales and installation issues throughout the process.

Going forward, the Cable Advisory Committee will continue with oversight of the network and look for opportunities to utilize our new found connectivity for the benefit of all.

Respectfully submitted,

Cable Advisory Committee

TOWN LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORT

The year of 2022 brought with it a welcome return to normalcy here at the library. The library is open during our regular hours of operation and we are happy to see the return of families and patrons from New Marlborough and beyond. Early in the year we did hold a few events outdoors in order to accommodate those who had concerns regarding indoor activities. We will continue to keep safety precautions in mind as we all know COVID is never far behind.

We are happy to say many of our former programs have returned: Book Group, Cookbook Club, Friday night Knitting, Chair Yoga, and Qigong, all well attended by adults in the area. Our children's programs continue as we work with New Marlborough School. The library offers visits, tutoring and half day activities. Playgroup continues for young children and their caregivers on Wednesday's. The library is also a meeting place for a several town committees.

Book circulation has increased this year as well as E content. We are happy to offer assistance to those who wish to expand their knowledge of E content.

The Trustees of the New Marlborough would like to thank the community for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Turner
New Marlborough Library Trustee - Chair

UMPACHENE FALLS PARK COMMISSION

ANNUAL REPORT 2022

I would like to welcome our new committee member Terry Ferrara, she joined returning members Katelyn Dawson Lalvay, Sarah Jackson, Elaine Mack, Bruce Pierce and Robert Twing Jr. Welcome aboard.

The riverbank restoration project was completed in early summer with the placement of rocks and native plantings.

We accepted a donation of 2 new picnic tables which are ADA compliant. The donor wishes to remain anonymous.

We also had a maple tree donated in memory of Mary Evens Smith, a long time resident and park neighbor.

Thank you to the New Marlborough Police Dept. for checking on the park throughout the year.

The park is open from May through October. If you notice anything happening at the park that doesn't seem right, please contact the police or a member of the Parks Commission. (See something, say something).

The Commission reminds everyone that there are no open fires or alcoholic beverages allowed at the Park.

Take nothing but memories and leave nothing but footprints.

Like us on Facebook and share your photos and memories of the falls.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Twing Jr, Chairman

REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The New Marlborough Conservation Commission works to protect wetland resources of New Marlborough under the auspices of the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act 310 CMR 10.00. We seek to educate and inform property owners about the Act and partner with them in order to comply with these state regulations. The regulations are designed to prevent damage to our lakes, streams, rivers and groundwater and to support wildlife native to wetlands.

Conservation Commission Members are volunteers appointed by the Board of Selectmen and attend various Wetlands Protection Act educational meetings and seminars provided by the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissioners.

The Commission operates under the direction and guidance of the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and all permit applications sent to the Conservation Commission are reviewed by the DEP.

An increase in new construction that may impact wetland jurisdictional areas in New Marlborough has resulted in an increase in the number of permit applications received in 2022.

The Commission received seventeen (17) Requests for Determination of Applicability (RDA), twelve (12) Notice of Intents, one (1) Certificate of Compliance, and four (4) Request for Extension of an Order of Conditions,

The Commission also reviewed five (5) Forest Cutting Plans, one (1) special permit, and one (1) Emergency Permit.

The Commission issued four (4) violation letters to homeowners engaged in potential violations of the wetland protection act due to unpermitted alteration of wetland, floodplain, river bank or lakefront.

Conservation Commission members meet on the third Thursday of each month at 5pm for the regularly scheduled meetings. Prior to these meetings the Commission meets for site visits with the owners and/or their representatives.

The Commission encourages the public to attend our public meetings and to become familiar with the Wetlands Protection Act and the State required permitting prior to any alterations or development near wetlands or stream and riverfront areas.

Respectfully submitted,

John Schreiber, Chair
Freddy Friedman, Co-Chair
Douglas Hyde
Nanci Worthington

REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

During fiscal year 2022 the New Marlborough Police Department was once again proud to serve the Town, its citizens and visitors with utmost respect and equality. The call volume broken down in the chart below shows a continued increase in activity from FY21 with Arrests and Motor Vehicle Accidents. Incidents, Citations and Calls remained close to last years stats.

	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22
Incidents	26	18	24	23
Arrests	40	38	51	56
Citations	285	436	343	307
Accidents	16	21	27	47
Calls	1628	1634	2048	1843

With the Police Reform Bill eliminating the part-time police academy and part time trained officers, two of our current part time officers are eligible to attend the Bridge Academy in FY 23, beginning July 1. The Bridge academy reinforces training provided in a full time academy setting to officers who are only part time trained. These classes include Legal Updates, Constitutional Law, Motor Vehicle Law, Emergency Vehicle Operator Course, Firearms Training and Defensive Tactics. The cost of the Bridge Academy is free for Municipalities, however the town still has to pay each officer's time worked for the 200 hours additional hours of training. There is a grant reimbursing \$3,000 dollars per officer attending the Bridge Academy which I plan on submitting for.

During the Annual Meeting, the town passed the addition of a second Full-Time Officer Position at 32 hrs a week to cover the remaining shifts on a regular basis. During FY 22 the department employed:

Graham Frank, *Chief of Police*
John Mullen, *Full Time Officer*
Gary Lemon, *Part Time Officer*

Kadin Shafiroff, *Part Time Officer*
Michael Ovitt, *Part Time Officer*

With the 307 Citations issued, a total fine assessment showed a total of \$ 21,195.00. (The Town gets back a percentage of the total fine assessment) The Police Department also generated \$22,127.05 to the Town in Detail Administrative Fees. The Department processed 40 Firearms Licenses totaling in \$3200.

The New Marlborough Police Department is proud to serve all community members and will maintain strong working conditions not only with its citizens, but also with other Law Enforcement Agencies, Fire and Rescue Services and Highway Department to help provide a safe community within the Town of New Marlborough.

Respectfully submitted,

Graham Frank, Chief of Police

REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

There is no denying, extreme weather has greatly impacted New Marlborough. Our roads and drainage systems have been pushed to their limits in the past few years. It is exceedingly difficult to keep up when our gravel roads turn to mud or when flooding washes them out altogether. Dangerously cold temperatures marked the beginning of 2022. Keeping up with the icy roads felt a bit overwhelming at times. Records show that low temperatures reached into the single digits nine times in February. This highway crew has never before experienced roads so icy.

In mid July 2021, a severe rainstorm devastated New Marlborough. The Board of Selectmen declared a State of Emergency for the Town in response to the extensive damage. The largest impact was on the gravel roads, culverts and catch basins. Our drainage systems were overwhelmed and unable to process the deluge of water. We worked closely with our emergency manager, DEP, MEMA, outside contractors, the electric company, the phone companies and the police department to restore the roads, while keeping our focus on the safety of motorists and pedestrians. It appears that extreme weather may become our norm.

The New Marlborough Highway Department, with an endless list of projects, had a very productive 2021-2022 season. Rubber chip seal was applied to Canaan Southfield Road as part of the pavement management program. This process likely extended the life of the road by 8-10 years. The bridge on Campbell Falls Road was replaced along with the guardrails in August 2021. Many trees were removed from Hatchery Road in preparation of a much needed full depth reclamation and resurfacing in November 2021. It is estimated that this process has extended the life of the road by 15 years. A convex mirror was mounted at the intersection of Hatchery Road and Route 57 to create a safer intersection, offering greater visibility to motorist. The bridge on Canaan Southfield Road was closed in March of 2022 for replacement and the new bridge reopened in late May whereupon the bridge on Lumbert Cross Road was closed to begin the replacement process. MassDOT milled and paved Route 57 from the Monterey town line to New Marlborough Hill Road in May 2022. A section of guardrails was replaced and centerline rumble strips were installed.

We were able to contract the vacuum truck company once again this year. This company uses a state-of-the-art process consisting of high-pressure suction and water jets to clean our 240 catch basins. Crack sealing is a very important part of pavement management. A company was contracted to seal the cracks on many of the paved roads throughout town. Painted lines are another important safety feature. A company was contracted to paint lines on our well-traveled paved roads on two occasions this year. Guardrails are critical for road safety. A company was contracted to replace damaged guardrails in various locations throughout town. The highway crew routinely grades all of the unpaved roads and has become quite proficient at rebuilding the gravel roads when they wash out. The crew continues to tackle the brush and overgrowth on the roadsides throughout the year. Potholes are inevitable and the highway crew fills them as needed. It is important to remember, we must wait for potholes to dry before we can repair them. Some residents find dusty dirt roads unbearable. The highway crew tries to control this problem, but with almost 40 miles of gravel roads, it is challenging and quite costly. The highway crew is on call 24 hours a day

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT *(continued)*

every day to remove fallen trees and debris when they block the roads. For safety reasons, the highway crew is not allowed to remove trees when they are on power lines. Guided by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways (MUTCD), street signs continue to be replaced with upgraded signs as needed.

This year we successfully sold several old and unused items on an online auction marketplace, designed to buy and sell surplus equipment for municipalities. We made close to \$22,000, which went directly into the Town's general fund. We will continue to use this website to sell our surplus items.

With the generous donations from the MSPCA, the Highway Department worked with Beaver Solutions to humanely, non-lethally and ecologically control beaver-related flooding. The beavers have been very aggressive this year and are outsmarting our water flow devices. They instinctually build dams, which sometimes block culverts. Blocked culverts quite often cause the roads to flood. Thanks to the 15 water flow devices throughout town, we have encountered fewer blocked culverts in the last few years. We will continue maintaining and upgrading these devices while at the same time respecting the beaver's habitat.

Thank you to town residents for supporting the purchase of a Kubota tractor, a Ford F-600 dump/plow truck and a Volvo roller. With the strain on the supply chain, we have had to practice patience as vehicles, equipment and vehicle parts are scarce.

The highway crew continues to attend classes and workshops with the focus on furthering their education in the areas of roadway safety, worker safety and workforce development. One of the professional development training classes, which the crew participated in, was to maintain hoisting licenses. The firehouse conference room has proven to be the perfect location for these trainings with a video screen, projector, large tables and ample chairs. We will continue to use this space as many programs are insisting that classes be taught virtually.

Thank you to the Board of Selectmen for approving the hiring of Craig Colantoni on January 19th as a full-time highway equipment operator to fill a vacant position.

Thank you to the highway crew; Foreman Paul Krom, Dave Colucci, Bill Ruane, Bob Palmer, Pete Wilson, Dan Bonetti, Craig Colantoni and Office Manager Laura Worth. Thanks also to Bob Russell from the Senior Work-Off Program. I would like to extend my appreciation to Emergency Manager Barbara Marchione, the town hall staff, the fire department and the police department. Without their help and dedication, my job would have been impossible. Finally, thank you to Town Administrator Mari Enoch along with the Board of Selectmen for continuing to support the New Marlborough Highway Department.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charles M. Loring, III
Highway Superintendent

REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN

As Tree Warden in New Marlborough, many hazardous trees were cut down near the roads. We prioritized the trees to be cut down based on a few factors, including the likelihood of a failure that could damage or block roadways, amount of traffic on foot or by motorist, and trees affected by invasive pests such as the emerald ash borer.

We also work closely with National Grid's line clearance crews to help identify trees that may cause power outages. National Grid has been an incredibly effective ally for helping to manage the trees.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew Wright, Tree Warden

FINANCE COMMITTEE

2022 was a successful year for the Finance Committee. The budget development process went smoothly and was completed on time. We worked closely and collaboratively with the Select Board to reduce areas of differences in approach and funding levels. We tackled several important items, including increased support for our fire and rescue services, restructuring of our police department coverage and ongoing road improvements in support of the Capital Planning Commissions' five-year capital budget to address long-term road needs and other capital requirements. We produced a town operating budget within our tax capacity, increased our excess capacity and took advantage of some savings in the school budget to address other priorities including town employee compensation. We continued to address the need to accuracy in budget planning and were able to reduce several budgets from prior years.

Thanks to all for their commitment and diligence. On to 2023!

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Klein, Chair

NEW MARLBOROUGH FIRE AND RESCUE REPORT

JULY 1, 2021 – JUNE 30, 2022

For the fiscal year July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2022, New Marlborough Fire and Rescue responded to 256 calls. Previous year's calls in parenthesis:

Medical calls in town	105 (103)
Mutual aid medical calls	41 (25)
Fire alarms	38 (48)
Carbon monoxide alarms	17 (20)
Motor vehicle accidents	16 (9)
Trees down/wires down	7 (10)
Mutual aid miscellaneous	7 (3)
Mutual aid structure fires	6 (7)
Brush Fires/Unattended Outdoor Fires	6 (6)
Water in home/Service calls	5 (0)
Lost person/hiker	2 (3)
House struck by lightning	2 (0)
Water rescue (dog)	1 (0)
Car fire	1
Chimney fire	1
Bicycle crash	1 (1)
Structure fires in town	0
Smoke/fire investigation	0 (4)
Electrical fire	0 (3)
Misc. fire	0 (2)
ATV crash	0 (1)
Odor of gas	0 (1)
Total Calls	256 (246)
2020-21	246
2019-20	186
2018-19	178
2017-18	180
2016-17	175

In FY 2022, New Marlborough Fire and Rescue responded to 256 calls, including 54 calls in neighboring towns, continuing the trend of increasing numbers of calls.

Medical calls, both in town and in neighboring towns, make up the majority (57%) of calls. That 24/7 ambulance coverage is provided by as few as six Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) and supplemented by Firefighters who serve as First Responders, answering a call every 2.5 days on average is admirable and speaks to the dedication of our members, but it is not sustainable long-term.

FIRE AND RESCUE (*Continued*)

Unfortunately, volunteer membership is not growing. Like other emergency agencies, evidenced by mutual aid requests from other communities, NMF&R is struggling with fewer volunteers and increasing numbers of calls. We are fortunate to have a dedicated corps of volunteer EMTs, Firefighters, and First Responders, however, membership has reached critical levels.

During FY 2022, we took steps to address this shortage, with the town approving a part-time EMT/Firefighter for daytime coverage, beginning in July 2022. We encourage community members to consider volunteering with the organization.

The Department has also taken steps to upgrade equipment.

At the May 2022 Town Meeting, voters approved purchasing a new ambulance to replace the 2010 ambulance. This is a prudent investment, given the number of medical calls. Because of supply chain issues, however, the new ambulance may not be delivered until 2025. We certainly hope it is sooner.

Also at the May meeting, voters approved purchasing new, battery-powered extrication tools (commonly referred to as Jaws of Life). The new tools, put into service in the fall of 2022, are more powerful, portable, far easier to deploy, and do not need hydraulic hoses, which saves both time and manpower.

At the June 2021 Town Meeting, voters approved purchasing a new ATV/4-wheeler, which was delivered in FY 2022 to replace the Department's aging ATV. The new ATV, which can be outfitted with tracks in winter, enhances NMF&R's ability to respond to calls in the woods, including our popular hiking trails.

Through a grant, we purchased a heated dryer for the protective pants and coats worn by firefighters. The dryer supports a cleaning program that meets National Fire Protection Association standards, increases usable life of the gear, and, by reducing contamination from pollutants, lowers the cancer risk to firefighters.

All of these purchases enhance the Department's ability to respond to emergencies and are important investments for the community. The Department appreciates the continued support.

Fire and Carbon Monoxide calls continue accounting for a significant number of calls (21%). As a reminder, all homeowners must register alarm systems with the town and are required by town bylaw to install a KnoxBox — a secure key system that enables access and saves considerable time in an emergency.

FIRE AND RESCUE (*Continued*)

Additionally, working smoke detectors and carbon monoxide alarms are required by law in all buildings. These alarms do not have an indefinite life and should be regularly inspected and the batteries changed, even in hard-wired systems, which include a battery back-up in the event of a power failure.

All property owners are reminded to post a 911 sign visible from the road. This allows responders to quickly identify your home in your time of need. Contact NMF&R at 229-8100 for further information about 911 signs and KnoxBoxes.

Finally, the increase in motor vehicle accidents should serve as a reminder to all to slow down, particularly during inclement weather.

Most importantly, it was a safe year for all members. The Department thanks the Boards of Selectmen and Finance, the Highway and Police departments, and the New Marlborough community for their ongoing support.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles M. Loring, Chief
New Marlborough Fire and Rescue

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT

In Fiscal Year 2022, we in New Marlborough saw a continuation of the Covid 19 pandemic, with restrictions and shortages that the entire world has seen. More and more residents were eligible for vaccines and booster shots and most New Marlborough Residents took advantage of protecting both themselves and their loved ones. Mask mandates have been relaxed then mandated again. Many people in New Marlborough have suffered losses of loved ones due to the pandemic whether it was directly from the virus itself, or indirectly from untreated diagnosis during lockdown. My condolences- you are not alone. And we are here for you.

Emergency Management works in many different ways. Its purpose is to help facilitate inter departmental coordination when a problem arises. Life Safety is our number one priority and Property Conservation is second. EM coordinates with Police, Fire Rescue, Highway, and Town Government. It also works closely with State(MEMA), Federal(FEMA), and Homeland Security. There is continual training, and grant writing opportunities. When a weather emergency occurs, we also work in tandem with National Grid and Verizon to get your services up and running for you again.

July brought severe rains that caused major dirt road failure and road collapses. A state of Emergency was enacted and with the help of our highway department, police, outside contractors, FEMA, and MEMA along with the Governor's office and the State Legislature, we were able to recover from these storms.

New Marlborough is an active member of Southern Berkshire Regional Emergency Planning Committee, and its 13 towns, along with cooperation with Fairview Hospital. We continue to work on a Regional shelter plan, mutual aid, and more courses for our member towns including the all important school safety drills, and mass casualty drills.

Our goals for the next fiscal year is to sign up as many members of our community as possible to our reverse 911 program. If you have not already signed up to get calls texts or emails please do so ! You can contact us through the town hall, or the fire department, and we will get you on the list. Many thanks from Emergency Management to all of our teams, the Board of Selectmen, Mari Enoch and all of the staff at town hall, Chuck Loring, Laura Worth, Chief Graham Frank, our entire highway crews, police department, New Marlborough Fire and Rescue members, Prudence Spaulding, Matt Wright, John Fields, and many, many more.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Marchione
Emergency Management Director

PLANNING BOARD 2022 ANNUAL REPORT

Before the end of FY22 the Planning Board had welcomed two new members to the group. Jordan Archey and Christian Stovall have brought energy, insight, direction, and a fresh perspective to our work. The town is fortunate that a next generation of leaders are answering the call to community service.

In addition to the general administration of land-use in New Marlborough as issues come up, including providing input and favorable recommendations (subject to conditions) to the Select Board on two significant Special Permit Applications (Caron – Deer Park Road subdivision and Cassilis Farm – Hartsville New Marlborough Road for Construct affordable housing redevelopment) the Planning Board focused on the following issues:

1. Developing and successfully obtaining town support for:
 - a. Dark Sky bylaw
 - b. Protection Against Light Trespass bylaw
 - c. Ground Mounted Solar bylaw (for Village districts)
2. The Planning Board worked with and supported the Historical Commission's successful effort to obtain town support for a Historic Structure Demolition Pause bylaw.
3. At the end of the fiscal year the Planning Board began discussing a wide range of topics that could be priorities for the town and agreed to focus on the following initiatives during FY23:
 - a. Evaluation of pros/cons regarding regulation of short-term rentals in town
 - b. Bylaw clarifications requested by the Building Inspector
 - c. Investigation of the relevance of ridgeline protection in New Marlborough
 - d. Digitization and electronic storage of all Planning Board submissions and approvals going forward.
 - e. Planning Board webpage clean-up

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Hartt, Chair

BUILDING DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT

The Building Department issued a total of 114 Residential Building Permits and 4 Commercial Building Permits last fiscal year. Additionally, the department handles zoning requests and enforcement and Periodic inspections.

The total estimated value conducted for labor and materials if issued permits totaled \$10,049,428

The total permit fees collected by the department totaled \$53,593
Please contact the Building Department for any Zoning or Building code related questions so that we can assist as needed.

MONTH	NO.OF PERMITS	RESIDENTIAL PERMITS	PERMITS FOR DWELLING	PERMITS FOR GARAGES	ALL OTHER	COMM- ERCIAL	CONSTRUCTION VALUE	FEES RECEIVED
JUL	12	12	0	0	12	0	993,315.00	6,062.00
AUG	15	14	0	0	14	1	1,542,629.00	8,005.00
SEPT	6	6	0	0	6	0	119,335.00	600.00
OCT	14	13	0	0	13	1	1,554,925.00	9,340.00
NOV	6	5	0	0	5	1	181,000.00	1,025.00
DEC	4	4	0	0	4	0	312,500.00	1,645.00
JAN	12	12	0	0	12	0	231,439.00	1,435.00
FEB	6	6	0	0	6	0	182,945.00	1,035.00
MAR	7	6	0	0	6	1	1,435,671.00	7,862.00
APR	15	15	0	0	15	0	174,023.00	9,044.00
MAY	6	6	0	0	6	0	1,019,489.00	5,604.00
JUN	11	11	0	0	1	0	728,157.00	1,936.00
TOTALS	114	110	0	0	100	4	10,049,428.00	53,593.00

Respectfully submitted,

Matt Kollmer
Building Commissioner

PLUMBING INSPECTION REPORT

This department issued 30 plumbing permits and conducted 61 on-site inspections. A total of \$3,660.00 in fees were collected.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Krupski
Plumbing Inspector

GAS INSPECTION REPORT

This department issued 63 permits and conducted 67 on-site inspections. A total of \$4,020.00 in fees were collected.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Krupski
Gas Inspector

ELECTRICAL INSPECTION REPORT

During the fiscal year 2022 from July 1st, 2021, the office of Inspector of Wires electrical inspector conducted some 200 individual inspections. Over 100 individual electrical permits were filed during this past fiscal year.

I want to acknowledge the passing of assistant inspector of wires Butch Ray this past year. He served the town well in his role and was a great help to me both professionally and personally in the electrical profession. He is already missed!

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Leining
Inspector of Wires

REPORT OF THE TRANSFER STATION

The Transfer Station weathered the COVID19 virus yet another year. The Transfer Station made a change to the compactor, only allowing paper products and cardboard in the container. We are now doing dual stream recycling vs. single stream recycling. Plastic, glass, and cans are being recycled in a different container, while electronics, construction-demolitions materials and metals still in different containers. Transfer Station employees are always on site to help residents with which container to use. Please help us keep the Swap Shop organized by only leaving those items that are clean, not broken, are not too old, or are still usable. There is an extensive list of items that can/cannot be recycled on the Town website (www.newmarlboroughma.gov) and we encourage you to periodically review them for changes or if you have questions on what can be recycled.

Masks are no longer mandatory and we'd like to thank everyone who wore them, keeping our employees and residents safe. The price of purchasing a Transfer Sticker is now \$185 for two stickers. A total of 432 stickers were issued during FY22.

There will be many more changes coming to the Transfer Station as dictated by the State. We will keep you advised as these changes are made, and there will be employees there to assist you with the transitions. In addition, 215 tons of trash were taken to a landfill; 49 tons of plastics, glass and cans were recycled; 58 tons of cardboard and paper; 89 tons of construction-demolition materials and 4 dumpsters of metals were brought to the Transfer Station.

My thanks go to Alvin Stalker, Bobby Litchfield, Gary Miller, Bob Abolafia and Marilyn Fracasso who have worked conscientiously to help residents and to keep the Transfer Station operating smoothly. If you are considering leaving clothing, we ask that it be clean and not torn; if you are leaving furniture, please be sure it is usable and in good shape. Feel free to consider donating to one of the non-profit organization such as The Salvation Army, Habitat for Humanity, Viet Nam Vets, Goodwill Industries, etc. Thank you for your cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

Freddy Friedman

**REPORT OF THE SENIOR TAX WORK-OFF
ABATEMENT PROGRAM 2022
July 2021 to December 2021 and January 2022 to June 30th 2022**

At the close of this physical year the Senior Tax Work-Off Abatement Program celebrated fourteen years of seniors providing many services for our town.

During this past fiscal year fourteen seniors worked for a total of 635 hours. Two of our devoted seniors, after many year of service, have retired due to medical issues.

The abatement reflects the increase in the state's minimum wage. During 2021 seniors received \$13.50 per hour, and during 2022 seniors will receive \$14.25 per hour. Seniors are allowed to receive compensation in a tax reduction on their real estate taxes of up to \$1500. Again three seniors contributed many hours for which they cannot receive compensation since they can only receive \$1500. Many of the town's residents received their tax bills because of the diligence of seniors who folded them, placed them in envelopes and sealed them ready to be given to the Post Office.

This program functions under the laws of the Commonwealth is designed to help both the towns and the seniors living within them.

We are still recruiting more seniors as there are a few new jobs being created.

Respectfully submitted,

Prudence Spaulding MSW
Director of Senior Services

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COUNCIL ON AGING 2022

The COVID pandemic limited many of the usual COA activities such as the informational luncheons usually held during the summer months. Seniors were wisely staying at home! Contacts amongst the seniors were accomplished either outside on folks' decks or by telephone.

At the same time we received a number of calls for help. Some aging folks needed help so that they could remain in their own homes. This help varied from personal activities such as getting out of bed and dressing and preparing simple meals to actual housework. Fortunately there is a local home assistance agency which was able to provide staff to help with "personal needs" and took referrals from our COA. This agency is not equipped to provide actual medical care or distribute medications supervised by a doctor.

At one time early in the pandemic the NMCOA made a tremendous effort to help all the seniors get vaccinated. It was a time when vaccinations were given by appointment and not at doctors' offices. Seniors had to make appointments and travel to the vaccination source. Later the NMCOA helped arrange for 'housebound' seniors to receive their vaccinations at their homes.

Again early in the pandemic masks were not easily obtained. The NMCOA paid one of their skilled seniors to make 100 masks which were distributed to the seniors as needed!

The NMCOA took part in the following activities:

Met with Rachael Fitcherbaum from the Massachusetts's Human and Health Services Program discussing local transportation services.

Attended a Hospice program presented in Sandisfield .

Was contacted by a Home Incontinence Supply Company which provides materials directly in unmarked boxes to patients in need.

Worked with the town staff to replace the Southern Berkshire Elderly Transportation Corporation Services. As a result New Marlborough paid \$5,837 for the yearly service (Monday-Friday 8:00AM - 3:00 PM). Seniors and the disabled are able to get to grocery stores, the bank etc. and get to medical appointments both in Great Barrington and Pittsfield. Seniors needing this service must make an appointment 48 hours ahead and pay \$10.00 a trip to Great Barrington or \$15.00 a trip to Pittsfield. living in this rural area which has no public transportation this service is invaluable!

Fairview Hospital and Berkshire Medical Center received a grant designated to help cardiac and pulmonary patients obtain rehabilitative services. The COA learned about the various aspects of the program since there are two patients that have cardiac conditions and might be able to use the services that this grant offers.

COUNCIL ON AGING (*Continued*)

Safety vests for walkers continue to be distributed, and have to date been given to over 80 to walkers in the town.

Help with complex medical forms, senior tax abatement forms, and fuel assistance application have been provided for a senior.

An effort to establish an exercise class and to re-establish the swim program proved unsuccessful. Further efforts will take place in 2023.

At the close of the 2021-2022 fiscal year plans were underway to have an informational luncheon.

The members of the New Marlborough COA hope that the effects of the pandemic will continue to wane and the seniors will be able to meet, eat and enjoy their time together.

Respectfully submitted,

Prudence Spaulding MSW
Director of Senior Services

HOUSING COMMITTEE

The NM Housing Committee met only one time, October 2021, in the above fiscal year. The purpose of the meeting was to review the materials created by Construct, Inc. as a pro forma analysis of the potential to fund, purchase, renovate and put in service the Cassilis Farm property located at 604 Hartsville New Marlborough Road as 13 individual affordable work force housing units.

Construct purchased the property in September 2022 for \$625,000. Funding for the purchase was accomplished through monies from town ARPA funds and donations from town residents. Construct staff has taken control of the project and the first town employee is expected to move in March 20223.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Rosenberg
Chair

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Board only meets when there is an appeal to be heard. In FY22 there were no appeals.

Respectfully submitted,

Courtney K. Turner, Chair

ACCOUNTING OFFICER REPORT 2022

YEAR ENDING JUNE 30 2022 EXPENDITURES

Department	Budget	Carry Forward/Amended	Expended	Unexpended
MODERATOR	145.00		145.00	0.00
WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT	4,095.00		3678.75	416.25
Selectmen's Salaries	8,910.00		6,218.85	2691.15
Berk Reg Group Purchasing	2920.00		2750.00	170.00
Selectmen's Expenses	4,650.00		4,202.93	447.07
Contingent	2,500.00		1,426.77	1,073.23
Right of Way Funds		2250.00	1,275.00	975.00
TOTAL SELECTMEN			15,550.03	
Town Administrator	49,759.00		49,009.00	750.00
Administrative Secretary	35,378.00		18,500.87	16,877.13
TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE			67,509.87	
TOWN COUNSEL	15,000.00		15,000.00	0.00
Finance Committee Clerical	750.00			750.00
Finance Committee Expenses	500.00			500.00
FINANCE COMMITTEE	500.00		0.00	
AUDIT	-	34,000.00	-	34,000.00
Town Accountant	20,472.00		20,123.63	348.37
Town Accountant Expenses	4,515.00		4,167.47	347.53
TOTAL TOWN ACCOUNTANT			24,291.10	
Assessor's Salaries	6,000.00		5,982.16	17.84
Assessor's Clerk	23,585.00		22,667.75	917.25
Assessor's Tax Map Update	2500.00		2500.00	0.00
Assessor's Revaluation	17,500.00		17,500.00	0.00
Property Cards On-Line	1,680.00		1,680.00	0.00
Assessor's General Expense	1,010.00	242.65	1,252.65	0.00
Assessor's Computer Cont	4886.00		4884.66	1.34

EXPENDITURES 7/1/21 - 6/30/22

Department	Budget	Carry Forward/Amended	Expended	Unexpended
TOTAL ASSESSORS			56,467.22	
Treasurer Salary	26,538.00		22,974.13	3,563.87
Treasurer's Expense	3,000.00		2,387.87	612.13
Treasurer Software/Support	4,495.00		4,494.05	0.95
TOTAL TREASURER			29,856.05	
Tax Collector Dept. Salaries	29,267.00		26,672.59	2,594.41
Tax Collector Expense	6,415.00	80.87	6,495.87	0.00
Tax Collector Computer Serv	7,440.00		7,439.49	0.51
TOTAL COLLECTOR			40,607.95	
Town Clerk Salary	39,321.00		39,321.00	
Election Expense	3,050.00		3,050.00	
Election Compensation	995.00		504.75	490.25
Street Listing	800.00		799.70	0.30
Town Clerk Expense	1,000.00		981.01	18.99
Town Records Preservation	2,500.00	545.12	2,981.00	64.12
TOTAL TOWN CLERK			47,637.46	
Conservation Clerical	900.00		900.00	0.00
Conservation Expenses	1,900.00		356.16	1543.84
CONSERVATION COMMISSION			1,256.16	
Planning Board Clerical	1,350.00		1,250.00	100.00
Planning Board Expenses	900.00		436.99	463.01
TOTAL PLANNING BOARD			1,686.99	
BOARD OF APPEALS	50.00		0.00	50.00
Town Hall Clerical	9543.00		8,004.56	1538.44
Town Hall Custodian	9307.00		7,366.42	1940.58

EXPENDITURES 7/1/21 - 6/30/22

Department	Budget	Carry Forward/Amended	Expended	Unexpended
Town Hall Expenses	36,500.00	564.06	34,483.56	2,580.50
TOTAL TOWN HALL				49,854.54
TOTAL TOWN BOND	1000.00		1,000.00	0.00
Town Hall Renovations		36,798.50	4948.40	31,850.10
Town Hall Improvements		3,793.67	1500.00	2,293.67
Town Hall Improvements 2020		21,225.00	19225.00	2,000.00
TOTAL TOWN HALL IMPROVEMENTS				25673.40
PRINTING	1,700.00		1,700.00	
TOWN PROPERTY MAINTENANCE	3,465.00		3,465.00	0.00
Fire Truck 2015	66,000.00		66,000.00	0.00
Grader 2018	42,900.00		42,900.00	0.00
Hatchery Road Repair	46,915.20		46,915.20	0.00
TOTAL LONG TERM DEBT			155,815.20	
Town Insurance	64,485.00		64,485.00	0.00
TOTAL INSURANCE			68,475.00	
Regional Planning Commission	1,203.00		1,202.33	0.67
District Dept Veteran's Services	6,577.00		6,576.99	0.01
TOTAL STATE/COUNTY ASSESSMENTS			7779.32	
Berkshire County Retirement	176,814.00		176,814.00	0.00
Group Insurance	225,777.00		155,132.85	70,644.15
Medicare	18,872.00		18,085.17	786.83
Veteran's Benefits Chpt 115	10,000.00		6,738.97	3,261.03
Longevity Stipend	4,000.00		3,750.00	250.00
Insurance Reimbursement	4,000.00		2,000.00	2,000.00
Non Exempt Employee Contingency	1,500.00			1,500.00

EXPENDITURES 7/1/21 - 6/30/22

Department	Budget	Carry Forward/Amended	Expended	Unexpended
Human Resources Position	15,360.00			15,360.00
TOTAL BENEFITS & WITHHOLDINGS			362,520.99	
Reserve Fund	50,000.00		32,809.78	17,190.22
TOTAL FINANCING USES			32,809.78	
BERKSHIRE CTY COMMUNICATIONS	11,237.00		11,236.98	0.02
Police Salaries	202,708.00		185,491.18	17,216.82
Police Dept Expenses	34,325.00	5,559.78	39,884.78	0.00
Police Rental	6,000.00		6,000.00	0.00
Police Reform Birdge Academy	4,138.00			4,138.00
Police Dept Tasers	2,700.00		2,700.00	0.00
TOTAL POLICE DEPARTMENT	475.00		234,075.96	0.00
Constable Salary			475.00	
TOTAL CONSTABLE	1,700.00		475.00	0.08
Fire Dept Clerical	36,500.00		1,699.92	321.00
Firefighter's Stipend	66,250.00	-209.38	36,179.00	1.54
Fire Protection		8,200.00	66,039.08	8,200.00
Radio Equipment				
Fire Dept ATV	16,000.00		16,000.00	
TOTAL FIRE DEPARTMENT	7,214.00		119,918.00	32.56
NM Rescue Salary	38,823.00		7,181.44	4633.00
NM Rescue Stipends	22,800.00		34,190.00	27.84
NM Rescue Expenses			22,772.16	260,000.00
2023 Ambulance		260,000.00		
TOTAL RESCUE EXPENSES	4,450.00		64,143.60	0.04
Emergency Mgmt Salary	2,000.00		4,449.96	1,161.65
Emergency Mgmt Expenses			838.35	

EXPENDITURES 7/1/21 - 6/30/22

Department	Budget	Carry Forward/Amended	Expended	Unexpended
Emergency Mgmt Notification System	2,700.00		2,659.07	40.93
TOTAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT			7,947.38	
Building Inspector Salary	24,431.00		22,273.82	2157.18
Building Inspector Salary-Alternate	750.00			750.00
Building Inspector Expenses	3,315.00		1,804.54	1510.46
Building Inspector Software	3,010.00		3,010.00	
TOTAL BUILDING INSPECTOR			27,088.36	
SBRSD Operation	2,675,158.00		2,675,158.00	0.00
SBRSD Capital	110,709.00		110,709.00	0.00
School Committee Compensation	1,650.00		1,650.00	0.00
Regional School District Planning B	8,000.00		8,000.00	0.00
TOTAL SCHOOL			2,795,517.00	
Roads & Bridges Salaries	369,098.00		358,340.09	10,757.91
Highway Dept Expenses	27,186.00	1,006.22	28,233.60	41.38
Machinery Expense	78,000.00		76,261.69	1738.31
Fuel: Propane & Diesel	43,000.00	25,000.00	67,962.97	37.03
Roads & Bridges	196,500.00		182,255.40	14,244.60
TOTAL ROADS & BRIDGES			713,053.75	
WINTER ROADS	266,334.00		210,410.63	55,923.37
2020 Highway Truck		963.45	963.45	0.00
2022 10 Wheel Truck	295,000.00			295,000.00
Hwy Yard Paving		7,999.78		7,999.78
Brewer Hill Drainage		17,482.00	-	17,482.00
Road Projects	40,000.00		28,464.38	11,535.62
Capital Road Proj-Hatchery Road	210,000.00		163,833.49	46,166.51
Hwy Security Camera Account		531.00	530.00	1.00

EXPENDITURES 7/1/21 - 6/30/22

Department	Budget	Carry Forward/Amended	Expended	Unexpended
Hwy Engineering Consultant	10,000.00			10,000.00
Hwy Tractor Mower	75,000.00		73,359.00	1,641.00
Air Conditioner	4,115.00		4,115.00	0.00
Roller Purchase	37,758.00	75,000.00	112,758.00	0.00
2023 Truck	150,000.00		79,519.00	70,481.00
2023 Loader	150,000.00			150,000.00
Total Highway Other			463,542.32	
STREET LIGHTS	5,500.00		5,492.85	7.15
Cemetery Salaries	40,682.00		37,569.88	3,112.12
Cemetery Officers Salary	475.00		475.00	0.00
Cemetery Expenses	2600.00		1,388.68	1,211.32
Cemetery Projects			3,500.00	0.00
Cemetery Mower	3,499.00	3,500.00	3,030.00	469.00
TOTAL CEMETERY			45,963.56	
Tree Warden Salary	1,250.00		1,250.00	0.00
Tree Work	27,000.00		26,792.50	207.50
TOTAL TREE WARDEN			28,042.50	
Board of Health Officers	1,250.00		950.00	300.00
Board of Health Salaries	6,500.00		5,000.04	1,499.96
Board of Health Software	2,100.00		2,100.00	0.00
Board of Health Expenses	1,300.00		1,018.87	281.13
TOTAL BOARD OF HEALTH			9,068.91	
Animal Control Officer Stipend	6,000.00		6,000.00	0.00
Animal Inspector Compensation	3,500.00		3,500.00	0.00
Animal Control Officer Expenses	3,065.00		3,065.00	0.00
Animal Inspector Expenses	525.00		108.81	416.19

EXPENDITURES 7/1/21 - 6/30/22

Department	Budget	Carry Forward/Amended	Expended	Unexpended
TOTAL ANIMAL CONTROL			12,673.81	
Transfer Station Salaries	30,078.00		29,810.75	267.25
Transfer Station	98,000.00	18,003.27	89,082.43	26,920.84
Household Hazardous Waste	2,065.00		2,065.00	0.00
Transfer Station Repairs	30,000.00			30000.00
TOTAL PUBLIC HEALTH			120,958.18	
Southern Berkshire Public Health	2,750.00		2,750.00	0.00
Commission on Disabilities Expenses	100.00			100.00
ADA Coordinator	1500.00			1,500.00
Senior Tax Workoff Program	50.00		18.72	31.28
TOTAL HEALTH/WELFARE			2768.72	
Council on Aging Expenses	6400.00		3216.18	3183.82
TOTAL COUNCIL ON AGING			3,216.18	
Cultural Council	1,250.00		1,250.00	0.00
Historical Commission Clerical	300.00		200.00	100.00
Historical Commission Expenses	700.00		700.00	0.00
TOTAL CULTURAL			2,150.00	
Library Salaries	67,758.00		67,070.88	687.12
Library Trustees	320.00		220.00	100.00
Library Expenses	49,170.00	802.89	49,903.36	69.53
Library Project Fund	32,000.00	-802.89	9,718.56	21,478.55
TOTAL LIBRARY			126,912.80	
Umpachene Falls Park Erosion		10,011.54	382.25	9,629.29
Umpachene Falls Park Expenses	3,500.00		3,538.08	-38.08
TOTAL PARKS AND RECREATION			3,920.33	
MEMORIAL DAY	500.00		500.00	0.00

SPECIAL REVENUE BALANCES

As of June 30, 2022

GOVERNMENT /STATE GRANTS:	Amount
Rural Fire Assistance Grant	\$.18
State Elections	3,359.97
State Aid to Libraries	7,227.01
Cultural Council Grant	20,371.92
Council on Aging	12,970.04
Cemetery Preservation Grant	3,693.75
Strap Grant	18,210.99
Status of Roads Grant	1,000.00
Emergency Management Grant	49.30
2011 August Storm (Hurricane)	49,368.00
Board of Health On-Line Permitting	534.00
Board of Health COVID-19	-1,300.00
Transfer Station Grant	7,440.00
MA Works Grant	-69,659.96
08 Storm Damage Reimbursement	6,023.79
IT Grant	2,100.00
MEMA COVID-19	-2,482.42
Uber/Lyft Per Ride Assessment Fund	.40
Firefighting Equip Grant	2,340.00
July Storm 2021	.32
ARPA	217,903.08
TOTAL GOVERNMENT/STATE GRANTS	\$287,985.37
 OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE:	
Library Gifts & Memorials	-\$3,539.80
250th Anniversary	-234.65
Wetland Conservation	-94.64
Machinery Earnings	-1,848.40
Insurance Proceeds >20k	34,566.31
TOTAL OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	-\$40,283.80
 Comstar Reserved for Appropriation	\$184,928.00
Sale of Cemetery Lots	\$38,160.18
Revolving Accounts	\$30,748.15
Chapter 90 Funds	\$24,172.00

TRUST FUNDS

As of June 30, 2022

ITEM	BALANCE 6/30/22
Stabilization Fund	805,994.80
Marcus Rogers Fund	6,890.60
Cemetery Perpetual Care Bequests	75,956.43
Cemetery Perpetual Care Interest	828.93
Unemployment Fund	41,307.28
New Marlborough Library	3,834.46
Conservation Commission	7,290.69
Sunrise Solar-Knight Road Escrow	100,404.86
TOTAL TRUST FUNDS	\$1,042,508.05

LONG TERM DEBT

June 30, 2022

ITEM	BALANCE 6/30/22
Fire Truck (2015)	220,000.00
Grader 2018	227,500.00
Hatchery Road Loan	165,000.00
TOTAL DEBT	\$612,500.00

GENERAL FUND REVENUES

As of June 30, 2022

Personal Property Taxes	73,324.94
Real Estate Taxes	5,353,196.32
Motor Vehicle Taxes	318,761.09
Other Taxes	28,652.40
Penalties/Interest on Taxes	47,286.32
State Receipts	122,057.00
Transfer Station	101,896.54
Licenses & Permits	82,391.04
In Lieu of Taxes	47,188.00
Miscellaneous Revenue	28,892.90
Other Dept Revenue	1,519.00
Earnings on Investments	2,035.02
TOTAL REVENUE	\$6,205,200.59

AGENCY FUNDS

As of June 30, 2022

	ENDING BALANCE
Town Clerk Agency	1,228.23
Tax Collector Agency	43,769.32
Police FID	14,734.24
Unclaimed Checks	12,496.15
TOTALS	\$72,227.94

Respectfully submitted by

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Town Accountant